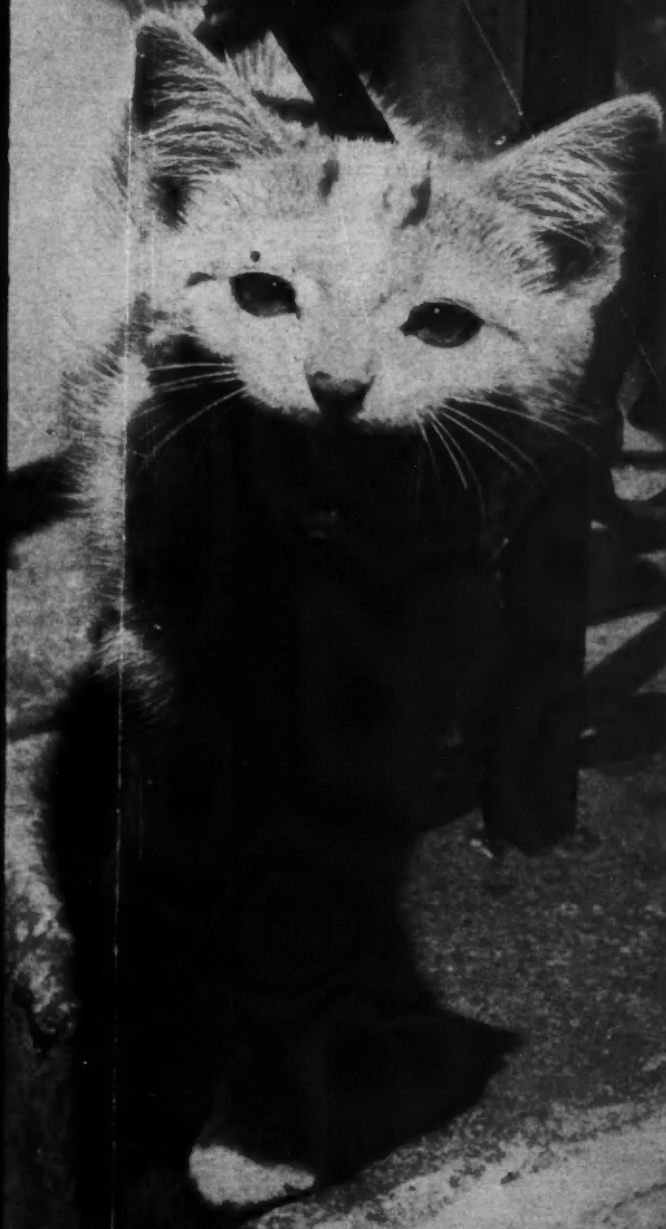


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ACTOR ABSCONDS

Dear Editors:

Latin American readers of the article "Mexico's Cat Star," by Dick Hayman in the December issue of CATS Magazine will be distressed to know that Tony is missing from his Mexico City home. His owner, Mrs. Carleen Kupersmith of Avenida Toluca #125, Colonia Lomas de Chapultepec is that metropolis still hopes he will be returned. She believes his egotistic nature led to his disappearance. Perhaps some stranger was audience to one of Tony's histrionic displays within the theater of his own walled garden, and was so captivated that he absconded with the cat actor.

Tony answers to his registered name, Anthony Adverse. This title was bestowed upon him when at a week's age he alone of the litter survived an almost fatal illness of his mother and father. The parents had come to Mexico City by plane, and are among the world's most travelled felines. They are now in California after having lived in various parts of Mexico.

Another distinguished member of Anthony's family is Koko, his paternal grandmother. Owned by Mrs. Conrad Vierhus, Koko recently played Pyewacket at Hanford, California, in the same vehicle which starred "Tony the Mexican".

All of his friends are hoping that Tony soon will find his way home.

Sincerely,

Sandra J. Vitaich (Breeder of Tony)
6934 St. Estaban
Tujunga, California



UNTRAINED TEDDY

Dear Editors:

I have four cats and live in an apartment, they are all trained to use a leash when taking their daily walks or are satisfied to be tied on the back porch and sit in the sunshine. I have two brown tabbies, mother and daughter, the mother is from the "Light Wing" Cattery, owned by Lena Simmons. The daughter, "Lady Trinket" is a champion. His breed of cat make wonderful House Pets, they have such soft sweet voices and are so very agreeable. Then I also have two that came to us, one a cream, "Rosalee", that I have had for nine years, and a white persian, "Teddy", that I have had for four years. He

is stone deaf and the vet says he was born that way. He is a wonderful fellow, very obedient but refuses to use a sand box, that means that he has to be taken for a couple of walks a day even when there is snow on the ground—just so there was enough snow cleared away so that he could see the ground it was alright with him, but he sort of expects us to start a hole for him which he gladly finishes digging. He really loves everyone and everything. If we will allow him to, he will go up to big cross dogs and kiss them on the nose, this has actually frightened many a dog and they leave rapidly with their tails (if they have one) between their legs ki yi ki yi ing. Our Teddy is very fond of riding in a car, and has traveled hundreds of miles with us, in fact he is a perfect traveling companion. He isn't a registered cat but we couldn't love him more than we do. We call him by vibrations such as stamping on the floor, then holding out our hand to him. Money couldn't buy our Teddy or any of the others for that matter.

We never have a complaint on our Cats. Now I do have a pet peeve, why do so many folk, who claim they love their cats, turn them out at night. Then they are forced into fights, their cries awakening folk, they in turn forming a dislike for all cats. It is so much harder to see the poor little kitty at night and they really need a pillow in some corner of our home and then they can and will sleep in safety while we also sleep. And I'm sure we will get better rest for so doing.

Thanking you and with every good wish for your success.

Ruth E. Tellgren

7212 Linden Ave.
Seattle 3, Washington

TELL IT OUT!

Dear Editors:

I often wonder why more people who are interested in cats don't do more advertising on their own by making their friends more cat conscious.

This is what I do: every time I go looking for gift wrapping paper, cards, stickers, or note paper I get those with cute cats on them. I always wrap all gifts I send out with special cat papers, so now my friends all expect it.

I'm always looking for things of this kind, and have found quite a lot of different ones. When I go into a store and inquire about the different items I want with cat pictures on them, and they don't have them, I always ask "why not?", and as a rule the next time I go in they have them in stock.

After seeing all the cute pictures in CATS magazine and in Cat-O-Graphs, one wonders why there are not more on wrapping paper, etc.

I am also making a collection of cats of all kinds in china, etc. I have over one hundred now and most of them have



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been given to me. Also in my collection are cat lamps, toys, banks, vases, and all kinds of dishes, cushions, aprons, pins, etc.

I'm sure a hobby like this will be just as interesting to any cat lover. Let's all start to popularize our pets—either Cats or Kittens.

Sincerely

Mrs. Helen A. Taylor

Vaughn Road
Hudson Fall, N. Y.

TOO MUCH FREEDOM?

Dear Editors:

In the October issue of Cats Magazine, Mrs. Sallie K. Bittenbender stated that even though she has had several cats killed by cars, she continues to allow her cats to run loose. I agree with her that any animal is happier if it is free; however as far as my cats are concerned, I would rather know that they are safe and comfortable, although a little unhappy, in a cage or run, than to worry continually that they are in a position to be hit by some careless speeder, perhaps not killed outright, but suffering for a long time before their death. It is unfortunate that the American public is so callous and unfeeling that they can take pleasure in deliberately killing an animal—I have seen one driver deliberately steer his car in an attempt to kill my male Siamese; it would be much better if we could let our animals run free. However as long as we have agreed to be responsible for the lives of our pets, and as long as speed demons still roam the highways, I feel that it is up to us to take whatever measures necessary to keep them safe and well; I for one, intend to take those measures, even though it means that none of my cats will ever run loose.

Sincerely,
Alwilda E. Phillipp
(Mrs. Gerald A.)

2225 Loma Heights Road
Napa, California

CATS MAGAZINE CATS POLICE THE FARM

by
Bennie Bengston

D. E. Tyler photo



Cats are loveable and engaging pets wherever they may be, but to the farmer they're much more than that. On the farm cats earn their keep and then some -- they're worth their weight in rat poison any time. In my opinion they are of greater value than dogs, for a good dog is hard to find, but I have rarely met a cat that couldn't make a dozen mousetraps look useless. During the past twenty years we haven't had a dog on the place, and haven't missed the canines at all, but we have never been without cats.

As a farm police force they do a mighty efficient job. Chances are that if you have several cats around the place one of them is on duty all the time. Our cats kill many more mice, rats, ground squirrels, and other rodents than they eat, for they often leave them lying on the barn floor or on the sidewalk in front of the house, never to touch them again. It's just as if to tell me: "There you are. I'm doing my part of the job and there's the proof." Or perhaps they think I look hungry, and that I need something to re-stock the locker with, I don't know. How much of their prey they discard out in the fields, I have no way of knowing either. But no cat that I've seen ever let a mouse go because she wasn't hungry just then and so didn't need it. That's just naturally contrary to the nature of the animal.

For years I had an old granary that sat down low on the ground. There were rats under it of course, and though I tried about all the rat poisons on the market I could never get all of them, nor keep a new bunch from moving in. The cats kept them in check so well that I seldom saw a rat, but I could hear them underneath the floor which I covered with heavy tin to keep them from gnawing through. During long periods of dry weather in summer the rats had to get out to find water, and then the cats really picked them off.

Then I built a new granary, putting in a cement floor, and tore down the old one. There hasn't been a resident rat on the place since, as now there is no place for them to hide. Once or twice a year the cats deposit a dead rat on the door-

step just to keep me informed they're on their toes. The casualty is doubtless some straggler that wandered in during the night to size up the place, with a view to taking out a lease if things looked favorable. But one of the three or four cats prowling around quickly put an end to aspirations of that sort.

Every now and then one of the cats enters the granary for an inspection tour. With very few places for mice to hide, Puss makes short work of any that may have slipped in. By keeping the mice in check the cats save many a bushel of grain, especially out in the field, and many a feed bag in the feed bin. Around the barn, in the hayloft, by the haystacks and cornshocks, about the house and yard, it's much the same story. No vagrant rodent can ever buy Tabby off either -- she's absolutely incorruptible. You might argue that she's only looking out for number 1, or simply amusing herself by engaging in the only sport she knows anything about, but at the same time she's also taking care of my best interests. Killing two birds with one stone, as it were.

Out in the fields and in the garden I often see Mixy, our four-color feline matriarch, keeping a lunch engagement with a pocket gopher. Mixy has been around the farm for quite a few years now, and during that time has acquired a considerable experience with gophers. Her technique has real finesse, and if I have the time I watch her.

There she stands, poised and ready just back of the entrance to a fresh gopher "hill", waiting for the industrious rodent miner to emerge with a load of earth. Motionless except for a very slight twitching near the tip of her tail, she has infinite patience. Ah! up comes the gopher's nose, then his head pops out in two or three quick, jerky movements. In a split second Mixy has him firmly by the nape of the neck, and by a mighty jerk she hauls him out of his den. Off she walks, hugging her struggling, spitting burden, careful not to give him a chance to use his broad, chisel-like front teeth.

There is a fifteen cent bounty on pocket gophers, because of the dam-

age they do in grain, alfalfa, and potato fields. In alfalfa fields alone gophers do millions of dollars worth of harm every summer in the midwest states. But Mixy isn't mercenary -- she's far too independent to be crass and commercial about things like pocket gophers. One fat pocket gopher -- and I've never seen a gopher that wasn't fat -- makes a luscious and satisfying lunch for a cat, however.

After such a meal a siesta is in order. Like as not Mixy will then retire to the little footbridge that spans the creek, to lie in the sunshine and doze, watching the eddies and little whirlpools in the water underneath, and listening to its soft murmuring. Or, should it be a late fall afternoon, the south side of a building, or the top of a haystack. Her snooze over, I see her again prowling the fencerows, the ditch along the road, or the field and meadows, on the alert for whatever game she can find.

When I haul corn in the fall our yellow tomatcat often comes out to help me. He has learned that when I pitch the cornshocks on the rack the mice scatter to right and left. And to the right and left he pounces, grabbing first one and then another. Sometimes he has three mice in his mouth at one time!

Many people seem to have the idea that only a lean, hungry, half-starved cat will hunt -- at least I hear someone say that every once in a while. That's nothing but bunk, pure and simple, and a notion that does no man any credit to hold. You might just as truthfully maintain that only weak, starving, undernourished men will or can work. The fact is that a sleek, well-fed cat is the best hunter. He has the ambition and energy necessary to get out and hustle. He feels like doing something -- the same as a man with a good meal in his stomach.

One winter morning, when I was a boy, we came out to the chicken house to find no less than fourteen hens under the roost dead. An examination revealed teeth marks in the neck; otherwise the chickens were untouched. Some animal had evidently bitten them in the neck and killed them by draining off their blood. We set traps outside so the hens wouldn't step in them. Just as insurance I put Mons, a huge brindled tomatcat who was my special pet, inside the house. For several nights nothing happened, then we came out one morning to find an enormous mink stretched out on the floor inside the chicken house. He had managed to slip past the trap blockade without even getting a toe into one of them, but once inside he had Mons to reckon with.

Harsh things are said about cats sometimes, because they kill songbirds. Cats are carnivores of course, and they will kill small birds on occasion. But even here *Felis Cattus* shows good sense. Judging by what our cats leave on the

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

SHEDDING RESPONSIBILITIES

Summer is coming, the grasshopper stirs
And frogs in the swamp sing a song that
concurrs
With blossoms in orchards and bluebirds
in pairs . . .
Sir Thomas is shedding his long winter
hairs.

And I with a vacuum, a brush and a pan
Go cleaning the house just as fast as I
can,
But nothing I do seems to alter the case
While gentle Sir Thomas keeps washing
his face.

Sir Thomas feels lazy and switches his
tail
And rubs off more cat hairs to dump
in a pail.

I beg him to please let me use brush and
comb
To rid him of furs that keep littering
our home.

But this does not phase him. He yawns
on the floor
And plays with his favorite mouse by
the door.
And, ignoring my bidding, Sir Thomas
the Cat
Keeps me at a distance while he runs
the flat.

—Sarah Bridge Graves

EXPECTANCY

*Lady cat, pale silver
Like pearl, with darker rings,
Chinchilla-gowned and gentle,
Your shy heart purrs and sings.*

*Lady cat, in winter
Orange, black, or white
Sturdy bass and tenors
Called throughout the night.*

*Lady cat, your secret
Glow within your eyes.
Which colors will new life unfold
In April's glad surprise?*

—Miriam Ashley Kozelka

CAT-OLGY

I should be psychoed, for I am repressed;
Pent up in a pent-house, I try at night
Not to meow, nor spoil the neighbor's rest;
If I should spend my time with cats that fight
My mistress fears I'd be uncouth as well . . .
She warns me not to sit upon a chair
Lest I spoil the sheen of the brocatelle,
Or leave my hairs upon the sofa rare.
"Don't sit there! Don't do that! Get off, scat, Cat!"
I'm hounded day and night, dogs fare better;
If I'm quiet as a mouse, she smells a rat,
I must do her bidding to the letter.
I wish I were as crazy as a bat,
Then she would be afraid of me, her cat.

—Frances Hoffman Beran

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MAYBE IT'S LIKE BX CABLE

*Kitten, lives you surely have to spare,
So yaw and jib and tack;
But don't you think of, curved in air
Your single sacroiliac?*

—Harry I. Shumway

CAT PETTING TIME

*It is cat-petting time he seems to say
As he sits beside my chair and pleads,
With clear green eyes, to be allowed
Upon my lap. "Why, each cat needs*

*A daily petting." So it seems
He is telling me. And if I'm slow
To give permission, he will stand
And tap my knee. "How do I know*

*I'm wanted here if you won't stroke
me?" Urgently, he coaxes now.
And at my nod he's up and curled
All ready to be petted. How
The soft purr rumbles in his throat
As I lightly smooth his tawney coat.*

—Luella Bender Carr

THE CAT AND THE HUMMING-BIRD

*A tiny humming-bird delivered as
An offering from my devoted cat
Has made me hopeful for all animals,
Has laid before my doubt a kneeling mat.*

*I held its frightened form cupped in my
hand;
It trembled there, recovered, sipped the
sweet
Of honey-water I provided it,
Perched on my finger with its thread-like
feet,*

*And lifting like a helicopter, rose
To cherish freedom high above the trees,
Dissolving into distance. There returned
My faith in mercy with its liberty.*

*Four-footed creatures' all, whose instincts
are
To stalk and kill, whose love transcends
that plan,
Teach us, your masters, to be merciful!
Shame with your love the animals in
man!*

—Bonnie May Malody

KITTEN ON THE KNEES

Courtesy of Chicago Daily Tribune.

*A catapult landing
Of frolicsome fur;
Sleepy contentment,
A pet propelled purr.*

—Nynna Jennings

**The cat is the banisher
of pessimism, the com-
forter of loneliness and the
humblor of false pride.**

—E. E. Whiting

SOUZI TUPHGAI

(b. August 28, 1953; d. January 4, 1954)

*On little velvet feet she walked
Out of Siam to Bangor, Maine,
From Bangor stepped into my life
On quiet feet, and out again.*

*The little time she stayed we shared
And talked about all lovely things,
Like fish to cat, and being warm,
And watching water drip, and strings.*

*When it was time for her to go
She did not speak at all of pain,
She simply stood on quiet feet
And walked sedately off again.*

—Louise Little Sturgis

PUSSY PROTESTS

Now I really don't want to create any
fuss
But I think it's a shame that I'm only
called "Puss"!
Though sometimes I'm "Darling", and
often I'm "Sweet",
And the best of good food I am given
to eat.

For my three bosom friends whom I
meet every day
In our little back yards, where we gossip
and play,
Have been properly christened, each one
of the three—

Caesar, and Hector, and Anna-Marie.
When Anna-Marie had a birthday one
day,
A card came addressed in the regular
way
To "Miss Anna-Marie". When I spoke
about that
She said—"They'd address you as plain
"Mr. Cat!"

That made me feel furious—made me
feel small!
And I'm really the handsomest one of
them all;
But having no name they are scornful
of me—
Caesar, and Hector, and Anna-Marie!

I complain to my people—quite often I
do.
"Darling Ducky", they cry, "What's the
matter with you?"
Then they put down more milk—quite
all right in its way,
But it shows that they don't understand
what I say.

Oh why don't they christen the pet they
adore
With a fine name like Jason—or say—
Polydore?
No more could those rascals then crow
over me—
Caesar, and Hector, and Anna-Marie!

—Irene Varley

LUCKY, A THREE LEGGED CAT

by Harold Reed

There is an old adage that says, "a cat has nine lives." Of course, there are many old sayings similar to this one that cannot, literally, be accepted as true. But frequently, it is surprising the amount of truth they sometimes contain. There is another saying that expresses the idea, that when a cat comes to your door and makes up its mind that from henceforth your home shall be his permanent abiding place, it is an omen of good luck to the inhabitants of the dwelling. And so, when a tiny tiger kitten, with unsure footing, one day staggered to the door, and decided, after lapping up several saucers of milk, to make our residence his permanent home, he was christened, (not of course, because of superstition) "Lucky." This was back in the summer of 1941, and since then Lucky has been through many experiences in the feline world.

It was not long after his arrival that he began to feel the effects of the war food rationing program. Many feline delicacies, normally found at meat counters, were not too frequently a part of his daily diet, and his favorite canned fish was conspicuous by its absence. However, he adjusted himself to new eating habits and seemed to make up for this lack of choice morsels by consuming larger quantities of milk, and since then has lapped up enough to float a battleship.

Lucky has lived a dual personality. As a household pet he has lived in conformity to the highest in cat etiquette. He has been extremely affectionate, and always interested in all the activities of the family. He is wise, clever, has a bag full of tricks, and possesses the desirable quality of extreme cleanliness.

Outdoors, however, is another story. He has burned the candle at both ends, so to speak. A Don Juan with the lady cats, in his glory in a fight, enjoying a brawl like a hot headed Irishman, and going on binges that sometimes lasted for several days and nights, to return again to his quiet mannered, loveable ways in the home.

In this Jekyll and Hyde sort of life Lucky is known to have lived through at least three of his nine lives. Several times veterinarians have rendered the verdict, "there is nothing to do but put the kitty to sleep."

There was a time, for instance, when he came home from one of his sprees with his face badly cut. A deep gash at the eye became infected with the result that his face became greatly swollen. The veterinarian did everything known to that profession, when nothing further could be done, he was finally brought home, along with drops to put up his nose, salve, etc. After a long while nature took charge and affected a complete cure. Lucky beat the sleep treatment.

On another occasion he arrived home with the left front leg badly bitten. He was in an extremely critical condition for several months. The flesh wasted away leaving practically nothing but bone. It was bandaged for most of this time with applications of penicillin salve. Finally, the veterinarian put him under anesthetic and scraped the bone. When all veterinarian skill had been administered without resulting in a cure, again the advice was, to assist him on his way to cat heaven. Instead, he was brought home, with only promise in the future being the great healing power of nature. He was a sad looking specimen of the feline family. After a long period of waiting, visible signs of healing appeared. Healthy flesh began to grow over the bone structure, then hair later started to cover the flesh. Finally, the whole leg was completely healed and as good as before. Lucky had overcome the deep sleep.

His last bad time came in the spring of 1952. Returning from one of his barnstorming episodes, it was observed that he was literally dragging himself to the home he loved so well. Examination revealed that both hind legs had been seriously injured. The left leg had been severed through, including the bone and was making connection with the rest of his body only by means of a couple of ligaments. The right leg was cut in to the bone structure, but not through the bone.

There was every reason to believe that this time Lucky was definitely on the way to the happy hunting ground. There was no chance of patching up all the damage, and once more the verdict was, "to put the kitty out of his misery." Any veterinarian would have given the same advice after an examination of both hind legs, which it was said had been caught in a steel trap. The suggestion was advanced, however, that the leg could be amputated, but there would be little chance of recovery due to his age.

Lucky was now 11 years old, which, compared to the yardstick used in measuring the age of man, is equivalent to 77 years. Also there was the matter of healing of the other leg.

Again, with faith in the great healing power of nature, the decision was made to try to help him through another of his lives, and to proceed with the operation. The leg was removed, and after awhile Lucky was brought home. He was indeed a sorry sight, what with the left hind quarter stitched up and all the fur shaved off. Healing was rapid, although the remaining hind leg was quite slow in returning to normal condition. Once more he came through, ready to start another life.



Lucky's substitute leg helped speed his recovery from the amputation.

Today Lucky is a healthy, happy feline. He can run with the speed of a deer, can climb over fences, and stairs are no obstacle to him. The right hind leg seems to have doubled in strength to make up for the loss of the left one.

In approaching his twelfth birthday, it has been decided that he has had enough of painting cat town red, and has been retired to the quiet life of a large wooded yard. A bridle and leash keep him in tow. At first, having a mind of his own, as with all members of the cat family, he was not going to stand for such nonsense. After awhile he accepted the new phase in his life and now can be walked around the premises, or tied to a stake in the ground. He still gets the urge at times to go out with the boys, (and girl cats too!) but then seems to realize he has had a full life and should now take it easy and dream about his many encounters with dogs, squirrels, blue jays, as well as other felines.

The expense in assisting Lucky to live his nine lives has not been unreasonable, especially when compared with the great pleasure he has contributed to his owners. Always help your pet to live the nine lives expressed in the old adage, and never, never, underestimate the great healing power of nature.

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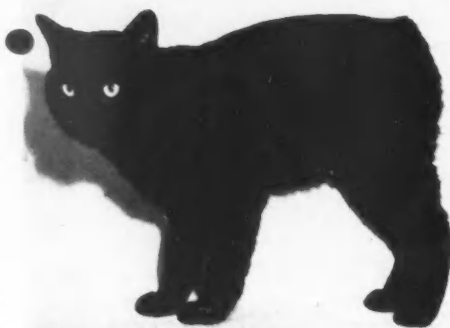
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THE CHALLENGE OF MANX- BREEDING

by

Mrs. S. L. Lovett

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Tailless cats have been known in Asia for some thousands of years. During the age of exploration the Spanish and Portuguese sailors brought these "lucky" cats home, and they are found in the Iberian interior to this day. Since the sailors did consider them to bring luck on voyages, it is possible that one or more tailless cats set out in the Spanish Armada, any rate a Manx history of that era tells of "an rumpy he-cat cast upon Torby Paynte sinth an wondrous storm", thus proving his luck. (It was possibly this storm that aided in the defeat of the Armada and gave to Ireland its "black Irish".) This young tom found refuge in a monastery near at hand where one of the young monks kept track of his love affairs with the local tabbies, and thought it worthy of note that some of the progeny also had no tails. Could this have been the beginning?

Man is an island 30 miles long and 12 miles wide, a rocky and forbidding country. In the passage of several hundred years, probably every cat on the island is related. As we shall see later, one-half of the cats sired by this rumpy male carried the factor for taillessness.

I have been asked to define rumpy. In this paper it refers only to those specimens with NO evidence of tail; no bump, no knob, no rise, no coccyx; only a smooth end to the spinal column from two to three inches forward of the rectum. As to how to determine whether or not a given specimen is a rumpy; you can't tell by looking, or by merely passing your hand down over the rump, and in many cases you can't tell by probing, for just as a scared dog will tuck his tail between his legs—just so will a Manx hide his stub by tucking it down if you probe. Stroke the cat till it relaxes, then scratch gently, or pat, the highest point of the rump and the cat will elevate any tail it might have; then pass the fingers gently down over the rump to see if it is as "round as an orange".

Genetics can be called one of the mathematical sciences. Its laws are expressed in mathematical equations. They are inflexible in regard to inherited characteristics governed by genes and chromosomes. To the scientific mind, to anyone with a smidgen of curiosity, and to those who just want to know, a physical characteristic that is not so governed is a challenge and a lure. Such is the Manx

cat.

The basic law of genetics is that: like bred to like gives like. In other words a colorbred Blue Longhair bred to a colorbred Blue Longhair will give you Blue Longhair kittens. A purebred Siamese bred to a purebred Siamese will give you Siamese kittens. Thousands of dollars exchange hands every year as stud fees in following this law. But when a rumpy Manx is bred to a rumpy Manx, only one-half of the kittens born will carry the gene for taillessness, and none of these may be rumpies.

The second law is that: with dominant bred to recessive, in the first generation all progeny will look like the dominant but carry the recessive; in the second generation one-quarter of the progeny will be pure dominant, one-half look dominant but carry the recessive, and one-quarter will be pure recessive. Everyone is familiar with what happens when a Siamese is bred to a Domestic Short Hair. The Siamese gene for the suppression of chromogin is recessive. The first generation will have the coloring of the Domestic, the second generation will have one-quarter pure domestic, one-half the coloring of the Domestic but carrying the Siamese as a recessive, and one-quarter will have the coloring of the Siamese. (Please remember that this is not based on an individual litter, but on a large number of births of identical breeding.) But when a rumpy Manx is bred to a long tailed Manx, one-half of the kittens born will have long tails, and one-half will have tails of varying length, which may or may not be rumpies.

The third law is that recessive bred to recessive gives recessive. It is this law that makes it possible to maintain the different breeds of cats, dogs, cattle, etc. But we have already bred rumpy Manx to rumpy Manx and found that we did not get all rumpies. If it were a factor which blended, a rumpy bred to a long tail would give us kittens with all half tails. No, we got one-half with long tails, and one-half with tails of varying lengths, from rumpy to long, with only a kink in the end to show the presence of the tailless factor.

Let us look at the percentages of varying length tails that we have found in our breeding experiments when based on the total kittens born.

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Rumpy bred to rumpy gives: one-quarter born dead, deformed, or lives only a short time; one-half with varying length tails showing evidence of the rumpy factor; and one-quarter long tails.

Rumpy bred to long tail (and all long tails used were Manx as per pedigree) gives: one-half long tails; one-half varying length tails showing evidence of carrying the rumpy factor.

Rumpy bred to stumpy (from a 'rise' to long with only a kink in it) gives: one-quarter born dead, deformed, or lives only a short time; one-half with varying length tails showing evidence of carrying the rumpy factor, one-quarter long tails.

Stumpy bred to Stumpy gives: one-quarter born dead, deformed, or lives only a short time; one-half with varying length tails showing evidence of carrying the rumpy factor; one-quarter long tails.

Long tail bred to long tail (these were progeny of rumpy parents) gives: all long tailed kittens.

It is time to evaluate these findings. The presence of dead and deformed kittens points to a lethal factor. The variable expression of the taillessness points toward other than a simple inherited trait. The fact that rumpy and stumpy are capable of producing the same types of kittens in the same percentage demonstrates that genetically these two types are identical. The fact that long tailed Manx do not produce kittens showing evidence of the rumpy factor shows that it is inherited and not due to diet or environment.

The known facts about lethals are few. Cats specially are not usually of sufficient economic value to have had much research done on this factor. In the dog world the Schipperke is a result of a lethal that has the same effect as the one in Manx; i.e. the suppression of the posterior end of the spinal column. The most desirable show standards is the natural rumpy, the maximum degree of taillessness that does not leave weakened hind quarters. In breeding rumpy to rumpy Schipperke breeders saw the danger of extinction, so to prevent that, ones born with tails are docked, and a one-inch stub is allowable for show. Beef cattle breeders have been striving for a short bodied, stocky animal, quick to mature. In recent years they have been having trouble with deformities, dwarfs, kinked tails, and such signs of lethals. Yes, even tailless calves. They have developed a "profile" to tell whether or not the lethal is so strong as to give deformities or just to shorten the body.

The lethal can be strengthened by breeding for it. Let us see what happens if we consistently breed rumpy to rumpy. A third generation rumpy bred to a third generation rumpy gives: no kittens, or dead kittens, or not carried to term. And I would like to say here that the third generation rumpy was hard to get, hard to raise and hard to find a fertile one. There were deformed, moronic, palsied and spastic kittens in the litters: spinal

(Continued on page 21)

MORE ABOUT KITTENS

by L. H. Fairchild, M.D.

Several times we have written articles regarding the condition most dreaded during the early months of the kitten's life. The disease, Infectious Gastro-Enteritis, is probably the most common epidemic form that cat owners see and is rapidly fatal in untreated cases. Years ago, when we first started showing cats we were warned to stay very near the show cages at all times because 'Joe Bloke' or 'Mary Smaltz' was liable to give our cats poison foods. During those years, before vaccination, it was little wonder that cat exhibitors got this idea because it was a very common experience right after a show for nearly all of the cats and kittens shown to become violently sick and the younger cats, especially, would die with symptoms of poisoning.

For the Novice who has never seen the disease this what you may expect to see. The kitten first shows signs of illness by refusing to eat. He is content to lie perfectly still with legs folded under him. Sometime soon after this if the temperature is taken it will be 105 or 106 degrees. Normal for a cat is 101.5 F. About this same time the cat vomits repeatedly and forcefully, the saliva is thick and tenacious and clings to the mouth in thick strands. There is a diarrhea and often just before death, blood appears in the watery stools. Death may occur in one day after the beginning of the sickness. Some older cats may live as long as 4 days to a week and occasionally one recovers after a lingering illness. The violent vomiting and the intestinal upset most often gives a novice cat owner the impression of poisoning. Because the cat so diseased has marked difficulty in swallowing and is thirsty the common thing one sees in this disease is the cat resting its head over the water dish, too weak to lift its head and the throat too tight and sore to swallow any water.

All cat owners owe a great debt of gratitude to Hammon and Enders for their research into the cause and treatment of this condition. They found that the disease is caused by a virus and that one of the reasons for the profound weakness of the cat is the rapid drop in the white blood cells. At the first stage of the infection the number of white cells increase, but soon afterward there is a rapid drop and at the end of 12 to 24 hours one can find few, if any, white cells left in the blood. The temperature which at the beginning is markedly elevated drops to a subnormal level and when the temperature drops below 99 degrees the outlook is very bad. It was discovered, however, that instead of losing cats and kittens from this dreadful plague a preventive vaccine could be obtained and it has been in use now for several years with wonderful success. We have used it routinely in our own cattery and since using the vaccine have never had a major break in the immunity obtained. This vaccine is called Feline

Distemper Vaccine and it is a *tissue vaccine* which contains the virus in liver and spleen tissue which has been killed with formalin. Two cc shots given in a series of 2 shots a week apart confers a lasting immunity and as far as we have been able to determine lasts a lifetime. We give this to all kittens as soon as they reach the age of 3 months, and to younger kittens if we feel that they have been exposed or are in danger of being exposed to this dread disease. We have been told that it is sometimes difficult to secure this vaccine because of the supply problem. For those who may be unfortunate enough to have a cat get the disease we can now offer hope in a new treatment. This is Streptomycin. This powerful "wonder drug", together with adrenocortin and replacement of body fluids will almost always cure even the most seemingly hopeless cases. So we advise you to vaccinate all kittens if possible. If by any chance you find a cat or kitten with the above stated symptoms—run—don't walk, to your nearest Veterinarian!



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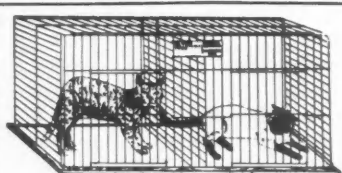
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OF BIRDS AND CATS

by
Frances McK. Lucas

Once again the birds are whistling their salute to spring - and once again the age old feud between bird lovers and cat lovers begins anew.

Possibly a prudent compromise could be the solution to this unhappy and unchangeable situation.

Cat lovers will forever love their cats—and bird lovers will forever champion the cause of birds.

The truth should be honestly faced—before any attempt to better conditions is begun—that birds and cats both have their places on this earth. Both are part of Nature's pattern. Bird lovers, especially, find it difficult to remember this fact. Nature's ways are mysterious and often seem very cruel. Perhaps the wisest approach to this realization is to accept rather than resent too forcefully.

Fortunately, most cat admirers are sympathetic towards the perils birds must endure to even exist and to raise their families. These people also find it most distressing to hear the pitiful calls of parent birds when one of their little ones is helpless in the clutches of a marauding cat. They don't want their cats to catch the birds but neither can they change some of the unhappy traits Nature has bestowed upon their pets. These same traits are very desirable however, for catching unwanted rats and mice!

Bird lovers should remember also that many birds are very cruel. Nature has fashioned them to prey on many small birds and animals. They too, have their place in the universe. People that love birds and hate cats might be a little more tolerant if they would keep remembering that something is always dying in this world that other things

may live. Even the Thanksgiving bird makes his supreme sacrifice! Stray cats too are often starving and have to eat what they can catch.

However, many many birds could be saved if the owners of cats would supervise their pets more closely. It is impossible to control them absolutely, of course, but keeping them in at night is the most effective method that can be followed. Especially is this true at nesting time. Even tho cats are night-loving animals they soon accustom themselves to staying in. Feed cats regularly. Evening is the best time. Keep them indoors until about nine-thirty in the morning. The birds eat early and usually stay in fairly safe places during the heat of the day.

If necessary, cat owners could have a box of sand in the basement - or utilize the new deodorant cat box "litter" now available at any good pet shop. This will entail a little extra effort, but no family should have a pet of any kind if they are not willing to expend a few minutes a day for its well being.

Bird lovers too, should cooperate with cat owners as much as possible. They could feed the birds early in the morning, or put food out before they retire if they are not early risers. Another important safety measure is to place bird baths and feeding stations out in the open—away from bushes, arbors or other convenient places where cats could hide and spring out suddenly.

If bird lovers and cat lovers would really work together in a community and establish a definite plan to control the cats and save the birds, much bitterness and unpleasantness could be avoided.

Children also, could be of great assistance if the program was made interesting to them. With intelligent effort on the part of many, much could be accomplished. Great numbers of beautiful and useful birds could be saved. And certainly cats would enjoy happier and less maligned lives.

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WATCH DOGS

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WATCH CATS

by Ordath P. Jacobson

In many ways cats have it all over dogs — do their own washing, for instance. In other ways cats compete with dogs, and maybe do a better job. They don't bark and annoy the neighbors, yet there are probably as many watch cats as there are watch dogs. But you must be truly the cat's friend or it isn't going to do any watching for you.

Recently when a Mobile attorney was called to the bedside of a lady for the purpose of drawing up her will, her cat, on the bed beside her, would not allow the attorney to come near until its mistress explained matters. When this attorney, who had never had much respect for cats before, went to use the telephone in another room the cat followed and again the lady had to say, "It's all right," before the attorney could make his call.

Once when camping in the Rockies my cat, Pat, in desperation, sat on my chest and slapped me awake just as a bear broke open the cabin door in an effort to get a ham he smelled inside.

Another time, again in the mountains, I returned from a nearby sick mission around 3:00 A.M. to where so-so husband was innocently sleeping although he'd gone to bed without rounding up Spats who was under the cabin wondering why his folks were ignoring him—he had no way of knowing I wasn't also inside, snoozing. Spats growled long and menacingly when I approached, but came running with a delighted mew when I called his name.

In the city these two guard cats, Pat and Spats, knew all regular callers and readily made friends with anyone invited inside. But just let something unusual happen like when the people next door had their house painted; both cats were instantly alert and ran from window to window to watch every movement. When the painters crossed our back yard to get the neighborhood ladder always kept hanging on our garage the cats really turned in the alarm.

They've passed on now, and I have another guard cat, Nocturne, whose ears, even in deep sleep, can hear the slightest noise outside. If the intruder is only a cat or dog passing, Nocturne keeps quiet. But if it's someone strange he growls. When his world's at peace again he rubs against our aging collie asleep on his pallet and tells him, "You sleep right on, fellow. I'm on the job."

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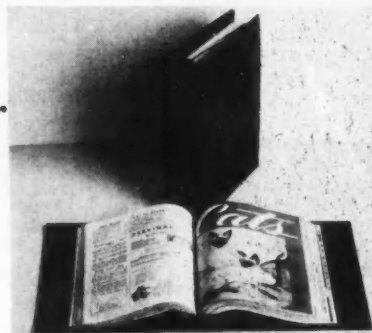
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Cats Question Box

Conducted by Norman Haidy, D.V.M.

My one-year-old Siamese loves to eat wool. We can't leave a sweater or blanket or other woolen object around without having him go for it. I have taken him to the Veterinarian, but he can't help me; can you?

—Mrs. R. M., Brownsville, Texas

Can you tell me why a cat would eat cotton? All six other members of this kitten's litter are normal according to the breeder, but since coming to live with me, this Siamese has gotten so she goes after blankets, sheets, pillow cases, and, in fact, anything she can get to. We thought that perhaps she was lonesome, so got another cat, but after the first week she has gone right back to her habits again.

—Mrs. M. G. M., Bloomington, Ind.

Cotton and wool eaters are not common, but we do get two or three questions of this kind every year. The logical cause would seem to be a dietary deficiency, and in some cases an increase of fats in the diet has helped. In others, that seems to have no effect. There are some indications that it is occasionally a habit growing out of need for attention, and in those cases an increased amount of affection and care have gradually modified it or eliminated it entirely.

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breed, color, and sex as computed by CATS
magazine's copyrighted system.

An innovation this year will be the naming
of "Honorable Mention" cats, designating
those who are second to the top winners.
For the first time, also, the wins variously
designated as "Second Best Cat", "Reserve
Best Cat", or "Second Best Cat" will be
recognized, since a majority of the shows are
now giving credit for this win. In addition to
any Best or Best Opposite Color wins. This
award will carry with it one-half point for
each class in the show.

CFA January Meeting

At its meeting held in New York January
21 the CFA received applications for mem-
bership to be acted upon at the next Execu-
tive Board meeting from the Short Hair Club
of New England, the Muncie (Indiana) Feline
Fanciers, and the Silver Fanciers, Hawthorne,
Calif. Mrs. L. Darrell Sample was named to
the Approval Pending List of CFA Judges for
"Solid Colors", and Mrs. Naomi Favours was
placed on the same list to judge "Any
Specialty", except Siamese. Permission was
granted the Boston Cat Club, Inc., to invite
Mrs. Kathleen Williams of England to judge its
Siamese Specialty Show, November 12-13,
1954.

The following other show dates have been
reserved: Genesee Cat Fanciers' Club, Inc.,
October 16-17; North Shore Cat Club, Octo-
ber 23-24; and Norfolk Cat Fanciers, Inc.,
October 30-31. November dates are: Cleveland
Persian Society, 6-7; Boston Cat Club, Inc.,
and Solid Color Club of the East, 12-13;
Colorado Cat Fanciers, Inc., 13-14; Ohio State
Persian Club and Windsor Solid Color Cat
Club, Columbus 13-14; Cotton States Cat
Club, Atlanta 20-21; Greater St. Louis Cat
Club, 20-21; and Kentucky Cat Club, Louis-
ville 27-28. Garden State Cat Club, Inc. at
Newark, N. J., is December 1-2, and West
Shore Cat Club, California, has reserved
January 15-16.

New CFA Regional Officers

Following are the new CFA Regional Vice
Presidents whose election by mail has just
been announced: North Atlantic, Miss Elsie
G. Hydon; Great Lakes, Mr. Robert J. Martin;
Middle West, Mrs. C. F. Rotter; Southern,
Mrs. Merald E. Hoag; Southwest, Mrs. Bess
H. Morse; Northwest, Mrs. Dorothy Denning.
Mr. Martin and Mrs. Hoag are new members,
the others having been reelected.

Wallman's Princess Tee Kee

Wallman's Princess Tee Kee, owned by Mrs.
Leone Rystedt, was Best OS Novice at the
Minneapolis CFA Siamese Specialty Show.
We regret that through error our Febru-
ary report showed the win going to Wall-
man's Tallula.

CFF S.C. Club Takes Mascot

Mission City Terrilita a Russian Blue female
who is a CFA Champion and was 1953 All-
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Siamese Varieties at Sunshine City

Most visitors at the Sunshine City Cat Club's St. Petersburg show were unaware of an unusual exhibition feature. Six litters of a Blue Point sire and Seal Point dam owned by Mrs. George Robertson were entered—two of them Blue Points, two Seal Points, and two Chocolate Points—a distribution which Louise Fiedler, judge at the Specialty show announced as extremely unusual.

Blue Cat Society Elects

The results of the Blue Cat Society's election of officers, to serve from March 1, 1954 to March 1, 1957, are now complete, with over 90% of the members voting. The complete slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee, composed of Mrs. Pelton, Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Lacey, was elected. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. John H. Revington; Vice Presidents—Eastern, Mr. Anthony DeSantis; Southern, Mrs. Harold E. Hoag; Mid-Western, Mrs. Walter E. Limpert; Western, Mrs. Joseph Marshall; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Arvid G. Ohlin.

The Blue Cat Society of America is non-affiliated, and anyone interested in the breeding and showing of BLUE cats, long or short-haired, is invited to join. The Cup List is offered at any show upon request from the Show Secretary, and any member is eligible for wins on it.

The Secretary wishes to express her appreciation of the cooperation received from all the members, and hopes that, together, we may bring the Blue Cat Society, and all that it stands for, to the front in the American Cat family.

American Silver Society Annual Meeting

The American Silver Fanciers held their Annual Meeting at Columbus, Ohio, January 17, 1954, at which meeting new officers were elected. (Two year terms only on officers.) Miss Kay Thomas, President; Mrs. Naomi Favors, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Herbert Fenwick, Vice President; Mr. Robert Martin, Mr. Harold Morey, and Mrs. W. B. Mente were elected to the Board, Board Delegate Mrs. Naomi Favors, regular delegate Mr. Harold Morey to the Cat Fanciers Ass'n. Annual Meeting. Trophies are to be called in to be ready to award on cup lists. We had two successful shows this past season, and awarded to shows 13 All Breed Rosettes to be won by Best and Best Opp. Sex in the Silver Division in C.F.A. Shows. Many new members were accepted into our fold. Club has suggested two names to Judges' list who are qualified to judge Silver Specialties besides those who are already on the List. Mr. Robert Martin and Mrs. Naomi Favors. We expect a successful new season for all.

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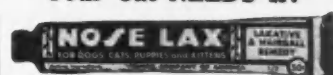
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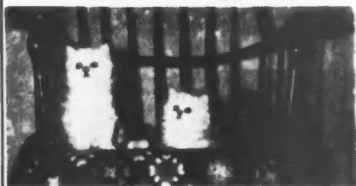
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Mews and Views from the West

Feb. 6-7 the CANYON STATE CAT CLUB (ACA) of Phoenix, Arizona held its 6th Annual All Breed Show, combined with L.H. and S.H. Specialties. At that time of the year, the Desert holds such enchantment, that my husband and I decided the best way to go was to drive. We were accompanied by Miss Floy McGill, who was visiting the show, which was held in the Shrine Auditorium. This hall is used frequently by a church group, and noticed many exhibitors reading a quotation over the All Breed judging stand, "WHAT SHALL PROFIT A MAN IF HE SHALL GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL." (Mark 8:36). This was a happy show, the show committee warmly welcoming we out-of-towners.

Dr. Doris Hopkins (Camelback Cattery) proudly showed me their beautiful trophies, some of them representative of the Indian Arts in that part of the country. I notice the catalogue names Mrs. W. G. Holsinger, owner of Gr. Ch. Lightwing Black Baron of Casa Verde, as Chairman of Trophy-Rosette committee. Mrs. Holsinger's All-Western Black female, Ch. Camelback's Truly Fair received Best Black in both shows, as well as Best Ch-Best Opp Sex in the L.H. Specialty judged by June Williams. It is seldom one sees such a large class of nice blacks as Phoenix show had.

All Breed show was judged by popular, well liked Mrs. Jess Adair of Long Lane, Missouri. Another Phoenix breeder, Mrs. Wm. J. Woods, was happy with her Dbl. Ch. Shawnee Cardinalette, Red persian female, bred by Nikki Horner, receiving Mrs. Adair's award of Best Ch. and Best Cat Opp. Sex; 2nd to Best Cat and Best Champion award going to Mrs. F. L. Lindsey's (Lubbock, Texas) Dbl. Ch. Texas Valiant Prince, blue male persian, Dbl. Ch. Julie's Bandit of Jadavah-Boren, B.P. male, owned by Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Boren was Best S.H. in the All Breed; the Best Opp. Sex S.H. going to B.P. female Princess Georgette Tempurra, owned by Bonnie Birkett.

I noticed an Aby male I'm very fond of, Ta-Lee-Ho's Jaibo (maybe a Ch. by now), owned by Dr. Fern Smith, was 2nd Best Cat and Best Opp. in the S.H. Specialty.

Dbl. Ch. Kerry-Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta walked away with Best Cat in both shows, and his popularity was attested to by the local exhibitors genuinely happy with this decision.

Mrs. Stanley Gibson of Evanston, Illinois, Secretary of ACA, was vacationing in that area, and was a STAR visitor. Exhibitors were glad of the opportunity to meet and talk with her. She was a good will Ambassador for ACA, and only wish more of the executives of the Associations could have the opportunity to visit the shows.

Feb. 13-14, North Texas Cat Club (CFA) of Dallas put on its 3rd Championship show. Mrs. Helen Van Zele, Joan Arnold and I flew to this show, which was held in the large comfortable Science Bldg. at Fair Park.

The Valentine Motif, with Dbl. Ch.

Tyoh Der Captain, Manx Male, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Webb, Jr., made a most attractive catalog. Stewards were used successfully at this show, and many thanks to this club for the kind courtesies.

We are proud of our Western Judge Mrs. Marguerita Goforth, of La Mesa, California, who judged the S.H. and Solid Color specialties. Her Best Novice and Best Cat in S.H. Spec. went to Medicine Lake Wee Sal, striking S.P. female owned by Mrs. Adolph F. Olson of Minneapolis, completing Wee Sal's championship.

Mrs. Paul Swan of Independence, Mo. (Les Cygnes Cattery) and Secy. of Mo-Kan Cat Club, completed Grand Championship on her Dixi-Land Rebel of Les Cygnes, B. E. white male. He was given Best Ch-Best Cat award in both All Breed and Solid Color Specialty.

Accompanying Mrs. Swan was Wanda Scott (Blue Acres) also of Independence, Mo. Sorry she didn't have her fine blue persian male, Ch. Silver Moth MacBeth. Another Kansas exhibitor was Mrs. Frank R. Lockrey, Pres. of the Midwest Short Haired Cat Society.

I cannot recall before seeing so many fine white persians and notice most of the top wins in All Breed went to whites. Best Novice to Mrs. B. P. Tehbets, O. E. white female, Dixi-Land Sherri of Windbank, and Best Opp. Sex Ch. and Cat to B. E. white female Ch. Longhill's White Jewel owned by Mrs. Helen Mueller of San Antonio.

One of the busiest exhibitors was Russell Middleton with 15 entries, taking care of them himself, as well as assisting with the show.

Outstanding short hair too was Dom. S. H. Silver Tabby male - GRYPFFN, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Wellington.

It was a successful show and glad we went, and happy to have made many more new acquaintances in the Fancy.

Feb. 20-21 the San Francisco Cat Club (ACA) held its large show at Napa, California. We flew in to Oakland, where Joan Arnold had a rented car awaiting us, and with Helen Van Zele at the wheel, we drove to Napa. The Napa Valley was so green and inviting; the owners of the Napa Motel made us even happier by "welcoming" the Cats first and exhibitors second.

The All Breed show was judged by the eminent ACA Judge Miss Floy McGill. There were so many beautiful short and long hairs. Miss McGill remarked "she's tops" when awarding best kitten to blue persian female Petite Blue Bear of Majo, owned by Margaret Sonneman.

I had never before met Mrs. Marion Beller (Prieta Cattery) well known breeder of blue persians, and notice her blue female Prieta Cylenia was Best Novice in All Breed.

The weather was nippy, but the show committee, had the roomy show room heated just right for both short and long hairs. I know much work went into this show for them to bench it so far away from "ome base."

Enthusiastic exhibitors get younger, as I notice 7½ year old Richard Birkett marking his own catalog, and justly

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Quotes from the Shows

by Billie Bancroft

St. Petersburg, Florida

Quotes from The Sunshine City Cat Club, February 6-7, 1954

Gosh!—Nice, big, fat ribbons. Winnie Porter BEST Cat in the Specialty—What more could one ask of a Show!!!

—Beth O'Donovan, Miami, Fla.

This is my FIRST visit to a Cat Show—it creates a desire for better pets!

—Maude Swan.

I've attended many Cat Shows but this is the most beautiful display of cats I have EVER seen.

—Mrs. R. J. Hamaker, Stromsburg, Neb.

My first but not my last Cat Show. I have thoroughly enjoyed not only the viewing but the work involved. It has been a pleasure listening to the breeders' comments as they leave the show.

—J. I. Cruise.

Little 'Poker-face' lived up to expectations. Truly a wonderful Judge of short-hairs. She rates All-Breed and not Specialist! Saw her Judge in New Orleans and was very pleased then—I very much doubt if there is a Judge anywhere, All-Breed or Specialty that can surpass Fiedler.

—Jonathan Arbuckle, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Marvelous Show!

—Mrs. James Garrett.

Splendid Show, fine Judges. Harmony and good sportsmanship and fine cats in all breeds.

—DeArville Goodwillie, Dee Gee Cattery.

This is my first Cat Show, it has made a lasting impression on me. I consider it one of the most interesting and instructive experiences of my life.

—Jane S. Cruise.

Wonderful Show, grand light for judging, I'm thrilled to death over reaching 'finals' with my h'l White Novice!

—Mrs. Harold Rathburn

It was lovely. Everything was very, very nice. Mrs. Robertson deserves so much credit. She worked hard.

—Mrs. M. Shumate.

Louise Fiedler is really tops as a Judge—she knows what she is doing.

—Molly McPherson,
St. Petersburg and Chicago

A wonderful Show. A wonderful place to have a Show. Judging all done by real daylight, on a sunny day. This is one of the FEW shows that I have attended where 'out-of-town-cats' were really guests. We will be back for the next show held in St. Petersburg.

—Mrs. F. A. Dobyns.

A delightful show in an ideal spot, well handled as to cages and feeding of animals. Well worth my trip here.

—Marion P. Lake.

I enjoyed this ACA Show very much. The Show manager, Mrs. Robertson, was most cooperative and pleasant in spite of her heavy duties.

—Margaret L. Newton, St. Petersburg, Fla.

A beautifully benched Show and certainly the most beautiful Siamese I've ever seen. Oh! Why did my Silver boys shed their long coats so early! Congratulations to the Robertsons—they both are tops.

—Mrs. Arthur Smith, Miami, Florida.

I came to this show to meet Judge Doris Hobbs, I wanted to see her judge and I want to meet her. I understand she has a delightful sense of humor.

—Mrs. Randolph Standish,
St. Paul, Minn. and St. Petersburg.

A very nice Show, certainly a VERY interesting FIRST Show. The Judges were very patient and considerate. They both did a fine job. I think the idea of having all of each owners cats in the same section is fine but could be improved so far as order and understanding goes.

—Mrs. Marie C. Meyer, St. Petersburg, Fla.

These people have put on a delightful Show, each exhibitor seemed to have loads of fun. It was a pleasure to exhibit in a Show where all the breeders were in accord with the Judges' decisions.

—Maude R. Barney.

I think this show is w-o-n-d-e-r-f-u-l.

—Mrs. John Meier.

A well organized and handled Cat Show. Judges exceptionally efficient. No complaints voiced on management and judging. No bickering. No tears.

—G. Robertson.

I enjoyed my visit to The Sunshine City Cat Club. It was a lovely Show and they had lovely cats.

—Louise J. Graham.

I was not too pleased over the decisions under the All-Breed Judge. I consider her weak on the short-hairs but very good on Persians, especially the Brown Tabbies.

—Alice Moore, Cleveland and St. Petersburg.

The Sunshine City Cat Club of Florida had a smoothly operated Show. It gave the local breeders a wonderful opportunity to meet new and renew old of town acquaintances. It was a very successful and congenial Show.

—Bert Hernandez.

This was an exceptionally good Show. I enjoyed it VERY much.

—Jeanne Deaham.

This Show is a complete success in every way both for the cats shown and for the breeders. So far as I am concerned, my greatest pleasure was in finally meeting Miss Winnie Porter of New Orleans, after hearing so many nice things about her for such a long time from my sister, Mrs. Maude Barney of the Floridanus Cattery.

—Olive McDougall.

Louise Fiedler is truly an excellent Judge—she knows her cats.

—Elouise Wallace,
Philadelphia and St. Petersburg.

Excellent Show, Show Committee exceedingly co-operative, organizing was superb. Extreme congeniality among the breeders, Show Committee and the general public. The best show I have ever attended.

—Gatos F Cattery.

My first visit to a Cat Show. I can truly say it was worth my time. A very fine exhibition of cats.

—A. L. Sevan, Wayne, Neb.

Congratulations to Mrs. Robertson, the Show Manager! Her efforts were untiring in putting on this Show. I believe the male and female Chocolate point Siamese entered by Mrs. Robertson are the first to be shown in Florida.

—Gertrude S. Baker, Sarasota, Florida.

I am here to look over the work of the two Judges—I represent three Clubs in California. The Show is beautifully managed and fine attendance of breeders appreciative.

—(Name withheld by request).

I want to thank Billie Bancroft and CATS Magazine for the chance of the humble breeders to give their personal opinions of the Shows we support. This Sunshine City Cat Club really did put on a Show—each of us are pleased.

—Mrs. Bradley Lankford,
New Haven, Conn. and St. Petersburg.

This Show, in my opinion was very well run with a minimum of harsh words and a maximum of high praise from both exhibitors and visitors.

—Vee North.

This is a very pleasant Show. Excellent Judges. Well organized. Already they are looking forward to their next Show.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Kess, Jr.,
Tee-Ka Cattery, Pinellas Park, Fla.

I have just attended the Sunshine City's first Cat Show. It was a VERY well planned Show and a very successful FIRST Show—I wish them many more of the same.

—Mrs. Merle Lawson, Miami, Florida.

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Show Reports

GULF SHORE CAT FANCIERS Fourth Annual CFA Championship Cat Show at St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 9-10, 1954. Best Cat—Ch. Chewan's Sweet Sentiment, Mrs. Carl Keller, Sh. Sil F. Best Opp. Sex—Gr. Ch. Moonbeam of Gaylands (Imp.) Miss V. Clum. Best Ch.—Ch. Chewan's Sweet Sentiment, Mrs. Carl Keller. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Diston's Dixie Dusk—Mrs. C. Zimmerman, Black M. Best Nov.—Silver Moth Solace, Mrs. Florence Kemmer, Peke Face F. Best Opp. Sex—Nor-Mont Snowshoes, Mrs. Merald Hoag, O.E. White Male. Best Kitten—Nor-Mont Luscious, Mrs. Merald Hoag, Blue F. Best Opp. Sex—Clar-Mar's Button Nose, Mrs. Marie Meyer, Blue F. Best Opp. Sex—Mrs. Lila MacDonald. Best Neuter—Silver Moth General Nuisance—Mrs. E. K. Cowan. Best Aby.—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Ricki—Mrs. R. O'Donovan. Best Siamese—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Zohagal, Mrs. R. O'Donovan. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Zohagal, Mrs. R. O'Donovan. Best S.P. Siamese—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Zohagal, Mrs. R. O'Donovan. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Zohagal, Mrs. R. O'Donovan. Best CP Siamese—Briary Genevieve of Blue Grass (Imp.) Kitten, Mrs. L. Combs. F. Best B. P. Siamese—Tee-Ka Lee, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Kerr, Jr., M. Best Opp. Sex—Chirn Sa-Hai Duchess Ying Ting Su, Mrs. R. O'Donovan. F. Best Manx—Ch. Floridanus Aurora, Mrs. Maud Barney, F. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Floridanus Tangelo, Mrs. Maud Barney, M. Best Domestic Short Hair—Nor-Mont Silver Stripes, Mrs. Merald Hoag, M. Silver Tabby. Best Opp. Sex—Yolanda of Charmiri, Mrs. Charles Simms. Brown Tabby F. Best Foreign Short Hair—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Zohagal, Mrs. R. O'Donovan, F. Siamese. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Zohagal, Mrs. R. O'Donovan, M. Siamese. Best Reserve Cat—Silver Moth Solace, Mrs. Florence Kemmer, Red Peke Face F. Best Opp. Sex—Flagstone's Mr. Tid-Bit, Mrs. Carl Keller, Shaded Silver M. ALL BREED SHOW. Judge—Mr. Anthony DeSantis.

SOLID COLOR CLUB OF THE SOUTH. Best Cat—Gr. Ch. Moonbeam of Gayland's Imp., Miss V. Clum, Blue M. Best Opp. Sex—Silver Moth Buttercup, Mrs. Florence Kemmer, Cream F. Best Ch.—Ch. Casa Del Sol's Snow Captain, Mrs. Clarence L. Day, O.E. White M. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Christmas Cotton Bear, Mrs. Clarence L. Day, O.E. White F. Best Nov.—Nor-Mont Snowshoes, Mrs. Merald Hoag, O.E. White M. Best Opp. Sex—Precious, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Biggar, Cream F. Best Kitten—Nor-Mont Luscious, Mrs. Merald Hoag, Blue F. Best Opp. Sex—Clar-Mar's Button Nose, Mrs. Marie Meyer, Blue M. Best Neuter—Silver Moth General Nuisance, Mrs. E. K. Cowan. Best Domestic Short Hair—Columbine of Moonlight, Miss A. Bunting, O.E. White F. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Algiers of Moonlight, Miss A. Bunting, O.E. White M. Best Reserve Cat—Ch. Casa Del Sol's Snow Captain, Mrs. Clarence L. Day, O.E. White M. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Christmas Cotton Bear, Mrs. Clarence L. Day, O.E. White F. Judge—Mrs. John Hunter. **AMERICAN TABBY AND TORTIE SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Rosemont Meadowlark, Mrs. Merald Hoag, Blue Cream. Best Opp. Sex—Sunny-Land Ninian, Miss K. Schick, Brown Tabby M. Best Ch.—Ch. Floridanus Jungle Jewell, Mrs. Maud Barney, Brown Tabby F. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Floridanus Tangelo, Mrs. Maud Barney, Manx M. Best Nov.—Killarney Kat Briar Rose, Mrs. Evelyn Berner, Red Tabby F. Best Opp. Sex—Nor-Mont Silver Stripes, Mrs. Merald Hoag, Silver Tabby S.H. M. Best Kitten—Floridanus Jungle Monarch, Mrs. Maud Barney, Brown Tabby M. Best Opp. Sex—Patches of Tropic Isle, Mrs. Harold Rathburn, Tortoiseshell. Best Manx—Ch. Floridanus Tangelo, Mrs. Maud Barney, Manx M. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Floridanus Aurora, Mrs. Maud Barney, Manx F. Best Domestic Short Hair—Nor-Mont Silver Stripes, Mrs. Merald Hoag, Silver T. M. S.H. Best Foreign Short Hair—Ch. Floridanus Tangelo, Mrs. Maud Barney, Manx M. Best Opp. Sex—Ch. Floridanus Aurora, Mrs. Maud Barney, Manx F. Best Reserve Cat—Ch. Floridanus Jungle Jewell, Mrs. Maud Barney, Brown T. F. Best Opp. Sex—Sunny-Land Ninian, Miss K. Schick, Brown T. M. Judge—Mrs. John Hunter.

—Mrs. Clarence L. Day, Secretary, Gulf Shore Cat Fanciers

GARDEN STATE CAT CLUB OF NEW JERSEY, Inc. Fifteenth Annual Championship CFA Cat Show, at Newark, N. J., Dec. 1-2, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat—Longhill's White Majesty, OE Wh m., Anthony DeSantis. Best OS Cat—Maybank Angel, BE Wh f., Mrs. G. W. Bullock. Best Ch.—Longhill's Michael, Cream m., Mr. A. DeSantis; OS, and Best OS FSH—Ch. Vee Roi's Violet Lady, BP f., Mrs. Alice S. Dugan. Best Nov.—(disqualified): OS—Velvets Lucky Strike, Smk f., Mrs. John Cerra. Best Kit—Morris Anabel of Millbrook (imp), Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roose; OS—Birdville Jason, Cr. m., Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bird. Best FSH—Sayam Simba of Blue Grass, SP f., Mrs. L. B. Combs. Best Nov.—Ginger, Red Thy m., Mrs. W. G. Scherer; OS—Almazon's Red Flame, Red Thy f., Mrs. R. S. Orr. Best Manx—Ch. Eilan Vannin's Tortie, imp, Tortie, Mrs. Betty Younman. Best Aby—Hollycat El Jay, f., Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stachouse. Best Burmese—Gerstale's Rani of Regal, f., Mrs. W. G. Beall. Judges: Mrs. Anne Vize, All Long Hair Cats; Mrs. John Hunter, All Short Hair Cats. **SOLID COLOR CLUB OF THE EAST:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Longhill's Michael, Cr. m., Mr. Anthony DeSantis. Best OS Cat—Kay-Ru Piquette, Blue f., Mrs. H. J. G. Rudolf. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Pearl Harbor Radiant Star, BE Wh f., Mr. DeSantis. Best Nov.—Lonchill's Una, Cr. f., Mr. DeSantis; OS—Lu-Ring Rusty, Red m., Michael Crane. Best Kit—Birdville Jason, Cr. m., Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bird; OS—Pearl Harbor Yankee Queen, Blue f., Mrs. E. R. Jones. Judge: Mrs. Frances Herms. **EASTERN TABBY AND TORTIE CLUB:** Best Cat—Glad-low's Barbara, BC, Gladys Lowe. Best OS Cat—Rusty of Kitty Purr, Red Tabby m., Mrs. H. B. Gauntt. Best Ch.—Ch. Kathe's Chicaeadee of Longhill, BC, Mrs. G. Kathe; OS—Ch. Rusty of Ri-Bo, Rd Thy Mx. m., Mrs. R. Newton. Best Nov.—Spero's Tabby of Sunset Garden, Bwn Thy f., Miss Joey Parsell; OS—Lavender Silver Pattern, Sil Thy m., Miss Elsie G. Hydon. Best Kit—Sunset Gardens Miss Karol, BC, Mrs. Frances Young. Judge: Mrs. Frances Herms. **NATIONAL SIAMESE CAT CLUB:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Rockdene's Kannika, BP f., Mrs. J. Pruett. Best OS Cat—Briary Mata Pan (imp), SP m., Mrs. A. Pinney. Best Nov.—Wu Blu Sakiko, BP f., Mrs. L. King. Best Kit—Morris Anabel of Millbrook (imp), SP f., Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roose; OS—Doneraile Brun Malvara (Imp) Mrs. Rex Naugle. Judges: Mrs. Frances Herms.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CAT FANCIERS, Inc. Third Annual All-Breed Cat Show, at San Jose, Calif., January 30-31, 1954. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Charmante of Purr-Mew, Sh. Sil. m., Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hare. Best OS Cat—Leilani's Liliulikalani, Blue f., Jack and Althea Wedel. Second to Best Cat—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Sil. m., Mrs. Helen Van Zele; OS—Shanna Groith's Black Pearl, Blk f., Mrs. Colleen Aslyn. Best OS Ch.—Bograe's Naith, Aby f., Mr. and Mrs.

R. D. Forrest. Best Nov.—Nani Lei Pahu Ihu Ipo, Smk f., Julius A. Joseph; OS—Encore Gizzle of Elo-Yse, BP m., Elsie Magnan. Best Kit—Bluegate's Pride, Cr. m., Mrs. John Pinkston; OS—Bluegate's Joy, B. Cl. f., Mrs. John Pinkston. Best Short Hair—Ch. Bograe's Naith, m., Eloise Magnan. Best DSH—Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OE Wh f., Aby f., Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest; OS—Encore Gizzle of Elo-Yse, BP m., and Mrs. Rupert Graham; OS—Ch. Renee's Zaca of Kiva, Sil Thy m., Mrs. Ada May Miles. Best Siamese—Ta-Lee Ho's Ena, BP f., LaVona Wright. Best Manx—Ri-Bo's Dhoo Gaelig, Blk Mx. m., Rita and Bob Wilson; OS—Ri-Bo's Nixie, Tortie, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Best Burmese—Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f., Mrs. Spencer Smiley; OS—Gerstale's Jukraj I. m., Ruth Larson. Best RB—Lamar Nicholas of HRH Marin, f., Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best Aby—Ch. Bograe's Naith; OS—Bograe's Simbu, m., Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Judge—Mrs. Jaseprine Hedrick. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Burquee Lee's Creme de la Creme, Cr. m., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lee Whitney. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Lanny Lea's Favority of Billif, BC, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Second to Best Cat—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Sil. m., Mrs. Helen Van Zele; OS—Ch. Azulita Mam'Zelle, Blue f., Mrs. Marion Beller. Best Nov.—Cresthaven's Mavourneen, Blue f., Dorothy Denning; OS—Roxborough King Koke, Blk m., Mrs. H. Van Holten. Best Kit—Fiddler's Green of Virginia, Colleen Aslyn. Judge—Mrs. Ruth Fisher. **SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY SHOW:** Best Cat—Ta-Lee-Ho's Ena, BP f., LaVona Wright. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch., Best DSH—Ch. Renee's Zaca of Kiva, Sil Thy m., Ada May Miles. Second to Best Cat—HRH Marin Princess Always, SP f., Mrs. Spencer Smiley; OS—Gerstale's Mulkraj II, Burmese m., Ruth Larson. Best Ch., Best Aby—Ch. Bograe's Naith, f., Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best Nov., Best Manx—Ri-Bo's Dhoo Gaelig, Blk m., Rita and Bob Wilson. Best OS Nov., May Sheung Sui, CP f., Alice M. Clark. Best Kit—Derrig's Zam Zam, Aby m., Florence Derrig; OS—El Rancho's Ma Chou Petite, CP f., Mrs. Paul Catalana. Best OS FSH—Gerstale's Mulkraj II, Burmese m., Ruth Larson. Best OS DSH—Ch. Billig's Patina, Smk f., Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Best Burmese—Ch. Su Ryan Burma Maharani O'Bograe, f., Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best RB—Ch. Lamar Nicholas of HRH Marin, f., Mrs. Spencer Smiley; OS—Mission City Blue Prince Kama, m., Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best OS Aby—Bograe's Simbu, m., Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best OS Mx.—Ch. Kiddlee, Bwn Mkl Thy Mx f., Alice M. Clark.

PACIFIC CAT FANCIERS Fifth Annual Championship CFF Show, Los Angeles, Calif., October 24-25, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat—Dr. Land Potentate of Azulita, Blue m., Mrs. Walker Johnston. Best OS Cat, Reserve Best Cat—Lanny Lea's Favority, Blue cream, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Best Ch.—Ch. Silvercrest Alcyone of Skyland, Sh. Sil. f., Mrs. Gladys E. Weirich; OS—Ch. Don Roberto of Beverly Serrano, Blue m., Mrs. Joan W. Arnold; OS—Mrs. Alexander's Marabou's Joy, Sh. Sil. m., Miss Lucile Laird. Best Nov.—Azulita Patriot of Casa Cielo, Sh. Sil. f., Mildred Alexander. Best Kit—Azulita Playmate, Blue m., Mrs. Walker K. Johnston; OS—Murbar's Madamoiselle, BP f., Muriel M. Morse. Best SH, Best Siamese—Dara's Som Phong, BP, Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Richard; OS—Sun Dial's Misti Wun, CP, m., Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dial. Best Aby—El Rosario's Autumn, f., LaVona Wright; OS—Ta-Lee-Ho's Topper of Blue Seal, m., Mr. M. E. Farmer. Best RB—Philmore Prudence of Hoeller (Imp.), f., Kathleen and Paul Hoeller. Best Burmese—Sweet Thing, f., Mrs. Mable Howard; OS—Mi Jow, m., Mrs. Mable Howard. Best Manx—Ledgemere Frolic of Sia-Man, Sil. Mck. f., Mrs. Ellen C. Straight; OS—Senza Coda's Black Magis, Blk m., Dr. Fern Smith. Best DSH—Bluffah, Blue m., Dr. Fern Smith; OS—Billig's Patina, Smk f., Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Best Neuter—Casa Contenta Don Topaz of Casa Cielo, Blue, LH, Mrs. Joan W. Arnold; Best Spay—Darlene, Sh. Sil. LH, Evelyn J. Rissler. Judge—Miss Lucy Clingan. **AMERICAN PERSIAN CLUB LONGHAIR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Silvercrest Alcyone of Skyland, Sh. Sil. f., Mrs. Gladys F. Weirich. Best OS Cat—Ariel's White Powder Puff, Orange Eyed Wh m., Mrs. Edith Schulte. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Don Roberto of Beverly Serrano, Sh. Sil. m., Miss Lucile Laird. Best Nov.—Azulita Patriot of Casa Cielo, Blue m., Mrs. Joan W. Arnold; OS—Mrs. Alexander's Marabou's Joy, Sh. Sil. f., Mildred Alexander. Best Kit—Murbar's Madamoiselle, Sil. f., Muriel M. Morse; OS—Azulita Playmate, Blue m., Mrs. Walker K. Johnston. Best Neuter—Casa Contenta Don Topaz of Casa Cielo, Blue LH, Mrs. Joan W. Arnold; Best Spay—Darlene, Sh. Sil. LH, Evelyn J. Rissler. Judge—Ethel Garson. **POPPY STATE SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Siamese—Kabar's Alexander the Great, SP, m., Ken and Virginia Bartlett; OS—Kabar's Carissa of Mrs. Alexander, SP f., Mildred Alexander. Best Ch.—Ch. Mrs. Minus, Sil. Mackeral f., Mrs. Virginia Sweet. Best Nov.—Princess Phun-Tho, BP f., Nikoline Grimes; OS—Ta-Lee-Ho's Impe of Sunni-Slope, Aby m., Mrs. Evelyn Clark. Best Kit—Sea Change Avitus, BP m., Mrs. Hyland Hayes and Miss Marie Cihlar; OS—Ta-Lee-Ho's King Tira, Aby m., Joanne L. Wilson. Best DSH—Reene's Zaca of Kiva, Sil Thy m., Ada May Miles; OS—Billig's Patina, Smk f., Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Best Aby—Ta-Lee-Ho's Jaibo, Aby m., Dr. Fern Smith; OS—El Rosario's Autumn, f., LaVona Wright. Best Russian Blue—Philmore Prudence of Heller (Imp.), f., Kathleen and Paul Hoeller. Best Burmese—Sweet Thing, f., Mrs. Mable Howard; OS—Mi Jow, m., Mrs. Howard. Best Manx—Senza Coda's Black Magic, blk m., Dr. Fern Smith; OS—Ch. Mrs. Minus, Sil Mkl f., Mrs. Virginia Sweet. Best Neuter—Li Chi, SP, Richard A. Harwick; Best Spay—Muffin, CP, Karan Sorensen. Judge: June Williams.

LONG BEACH CAT FANCIERS Eighth Annual Championship ACA Show, Long Beach, Calif., Dec. 12-13, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Texas Valiant Prince, Bluem., Mrs. F. L. Lindsey; OS—Ching Tzu of Tany-Wong, SP f., Mrs. Mervill G. Stevens. Second to Best Cat—Cheviot Hill's Brutus' Imp, Blk m., Miss Virginia Chambers; OS—Skyland Diana, Sil. f., Mrs. Gladys E. Weirich. Best Nov.—Joy of Beverly Serrano, Sil. f., Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Peterson; OS—Tuf-E-Nuf, Bwn Thy m., Miss Floy McGill. Best Kit—Calulure Astarte of Skyland, Sil. f., Mrs. Gladys E. Weirich; OS—Lynwood Chu Chu, Blue m., Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. Best SH—Best Siam—Ching Tzu of Tany-Wong, BP f., Mrs. Mervill G. Stevens. Best OS Siamese—Ronor's Prometheus, SP m., Mrs. Elmo Moorhead. Best Aby—El Rosario's Autumn, f., Mrs. LaVona M. Wright; OS—Ta-Lee-Ho's Lodi, m., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Galvin. Best OS Burmese—Tang Wong's Wee-Wong, f., Mrs. Stevens. Best RB—LaMar's Karen, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Charles L. Ofnes. Best Manx—Senza Coda's

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FARM CATS (from page 5)

sidewalk, and what I see in their possession, they catch about eight or ten rodents to one bird. And many of the birds are English sparrows, a bird that is certainly to be classed as a nuisance around the farm.

When I put out the bungalows for the wrens in the spring, I generally hang them underneath a branch too slender for Pussy to maintain her balance on. Which tends to discourage her from calling on Jenny. A wide strip of tin around the pole bearing the martin house keeps her from conducting a feline investigation there. Birds spend most of their time in trees, or in the air, and so are in less danger from cats than the creatures who live on the ground continually.

Cats, on the farm or wherever you have them, are a lot of fun. They're good company, and often when I go off to get the cows in the morning or evening, or walk off on some errand, there is a cat at my heels, talking to me as we stroll along, and sending vagrant ground squirrels scurrying for shelter. When I work around the place too, there are usually one or two cats on hand, taking a keen interest in whatever I am doing.

There is the Inspector, who helped me shingle the granary several years

ago. It was the first week in November, and beautiful, still Indian summer weather. The slanting rays of the sun against the granary, on the south side of a grove of boxelders, made it warm and comfortable on the roof. As I nailed down each row of shingles the cat followed me along, carefully sniffing every shingle in a sort of "Kilroy was here!" operation. Since when he has been known as the Inspector.

There is Teddy, who helps me with the milking. He sits underneath the cow a.d. as I milk, reaches up a paw to remind me that he is waiting. I turn the stream in his direction and he catches it quickly and dexterously in his mouth -- breakfast fresh from the faucet.

"Cats interest me," wrote Sophie Kerr, "because they have the qualities I like best in people -- courage, dignity, independence, the ability to amuse themselves, combined precision, silence and economy of movement, and that rare and marvelous virtue, a taste for the difficult."

Cats are connoisseurs. They are both fastidious and discriminating, and go about getting what they want out of life with an admirable singleness of purpose. They are worth many times what it costs to keep them, merely looking at it from the economic aspect. As companions they're in a class by themselves. I wouldn't live on a farm -- or anywhere else -- without cats.

MEWS AND VIEWS (from page 16)

proud of Best Cat award in the S. H. Specialty, judged by Mrs. Roberta Knight of Oswego, Oregon, with his C. P. female Ch. Tempurra's Truly Fair.

Ada May Miles

(Letters and information for "Mews and Views" should be sent direct to Mrs. Miles at 4435 Longridge Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California.)

SHOW QUOTES (from page 17)

This Show is a pleasure to judge--having such wonderful light.

—Louise Fiedler, Judge of Specialties.

This Show was by far one of the outstanding Shows for me, just to think of Moonbeam completing his Triple Grand Championship was a thrill of a lifetime--and then to see some of his babies go up in the finals!!! It was a lovely Show and delightful folks attending.

—Verner Club, Duneden, Florida.

Billie Bancroft comments:

Thanks to Miss Winifred Porter, I have been able to cover this Show. It was a truly fine Show, spacious set-up and as Winnie Porter says--"gallons of room"--T. A. Dobyns, Mrs. Charlie Lake and our Winnie--(together with sixteen cats) traveled down to St. Pete in a trailer--no incident happened that was exciting. (This I cannot believe!) Several Airmail letters have come in since the Show,

all are lauding the Robertsons for their super-efforts put forth to put this Show over. Many of the breeders are going on to New Orleans, and will stay over for the New Orleans Show.

MAUD LANTRY

Miss Maud Lantry, owner of the famous Triple Champion Chinchilla Persian, Bonnie Maid of the Mist, died at her home in New York on February 26. Miss Lantry bred many fine silvers from Bonnie, who was a personable as well as a most beautiful cat, and had expected to breed from another female of the same line this winter, but, knowing she was doomed, she sent the cat back to California some weeks before she died.

Submitted by Ida M. Mellen

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SHOW REPORTS

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Black Magic, Blk Mx m., Dr. Fern Smith; OS—Connie de Gallus, Blk f., Mrs. Evelyn Clark. Best DSH—Hogar, Blk m., Bob and Betty Bryant; OS—Far Cry's Josephine, BC, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gillies. Best Neuter—Goforth's Snowman of Casa Cielo, Wh LH, Mrs. Joan Arnold; Best Spay—Capri's Cinda, SP, Mrs. Robert H. Mulkey. Judge—Mrs. J. Oken. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY SHOW:** Best Cat—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Sil. m., Dr. and Mrs. V. Van Zele. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Second to Best Cat—Lanny Lei's Favorite, BC, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Second to Best Cat OS—Goforth's Conquistador, GE Wh m., Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Battishill. Best Ch.—Don Roberto of Beverly Serrano, Sh. Sil. m., Miss Lucile Laird. Best Nov.—Kerry Lu Smoke Gem, Smk m., Mrs. Carrie E. and Miss Lucy Clingan; OS—Lanny Lea's Fantasy, Sil. L. Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Coons. Best Kit—Lynwood Chu Chu, Blue m., Mrs. F. L. Lindsey; OS—Calure Astaré of Skyland, Sil. f., Mrs. G. E. Weirich. Best Neuter—Goforth's Snowman of Casa Cielo, Wh LH, Mrs. Joan Arnold; Best Spay—Fluff Ball, Tortie LH, Mrs. Myrtle Steenrod. Judge—Mrs. Ruth Lentz. **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHORTHAIR BREEDERS SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Lamar's Kuan Yin, BP f., Lt. Comdr. Charles L. Jones. Best OS Cat, Best DSH—Tommy Orange, Red Tabby m., Dr. Fern Smith. Second Best Cat, Best Aby—El Rosario's Autumn, f., Mrs. LaVona M. Wright. Second Best OS Cat—Pukka Rajah, SP m., Mrs. Jean W. Crouch and Mrs. Lois E. Candland. Best Nov.—Furke's Blue Cute-Wun, BP f., Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Perkins; OS—Tang Wong's Za-Di-Wong, Burmese m., Mrs. Stevens. Best Kit—Sea Change Blue Bahbi, SP m., Mrs. Hayes and Miss Gihlar; OS—Ta-Lee-Ho's Zara of Kiva, Aby f., Mrs. Ada May Miles. Best Neuter—Little Tyke, SP, Mrs. Robert H. Mulkey; Best Spay—Capri's Cinda, SP, Mrs. Robert H. Mulkey. Judge: Howard E. Casassa.

MIAMI FLORIDA CAT FANCIERS Ninth Annual Championship CFA Show at Miami, Florida, December 12-13, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat and Best Ch.—Sil. f., Ch. Chewanwa's Sweet Sentiment, Mrs. Carl Keller. Best Opp. Sex—Sh. Sil. m., Flagstone's Mr. Tid-Bit, Mrs. Carl Keller. Best Opp. Ch.—cr. m., Ch. Normont's Sandman, Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Nov.—Sh. Sil. f., Citrus Ridge Per-Ette, Mrs. A. J. Smith. Best Opp. Nov.—wh. Snow cut Bear of Casa-Del-Sol, Mrs. C. L. Day. Best Kit—blue f., Nigrette Azurea of Nor-Mont, Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Opp. Kit—blue m., Moonraker of Gaylands, Miss Verner Clum. Best Foreign S.H.—Aby m., Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Ricki, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. Best S.P. For. S.H.—Siamese f., Ch. Chienmai Somsiri, Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Dom. S.H.—Sil. Tabby f., Ch. H.R.H. Mystical of Cobourg, Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Neuter—wh. manx, Timothy Kennish, Miss Kay Ede. Best Household Pet—Colonbo, Mrs. M. Jaffee. Judge—Mrs. Frances Herms. **SOLID COLOR CLUB OF THE SOUTH SPECIALTY:** Best Cat and Best Ch.—blue m., Ch. Purri-Isle's Bobadil, Mrs. L. I. Olsen. Best Opp. Sex Cat, Best OS Ch.—white f., Ch. Milky Way Doll of Silver Moth, Mrs. F. Kemmer. Best Nov.—Blu m., Gayland's Princess, Miss Verner Clum. Best Opp. Nov.—cr. m., Gatos Finos Golden Horde, Gatos Finos Cattery. Best Kit—blue m., Nigrette Azurea of Nor-Mont, Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Opp. Kit—white, Shamrock's Bob White, Mrs. M. Shumate. Best Opp. For. S.H.—Russian blue m., Ch. Dunloe Vanya of Flomar (Imp), Flomar Cattery. Best Dom. S.H.—white, Princess, Mrs. W. D. Lyst. Best Neuter—Russian blue, Flomar Sasha, Mrs. Carmen Irick. Judge—Mrs. C. D. Carroll. **EASTERN TABBY AND TORTIE SOCIETY SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Blue cream, Gr. Ch. Nor-Mont's Charm, Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Opp. Sex—Br. tabby m., Sunny-Land Ninian, Miss Schick. Best Ch.—Sil. Tab. S.H., Ch. H.R.H. Mystical of Cobourg, Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Opp. Ch.—Br. Tabby m., Ch. Floridanus Tio Tigre, Mrs. Maude Barney. Best Nov.—Blue cream, Nor-Mont Simone, Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Opp. Nov.—Br. tabby m., Sunny-Land Ninian, Miss Klara Schick. Best Kit—Tortie kitten, Patches of Tropic Isle, Mrs. Harold Rathburn. Best Opp. Kit—Sil. tabby S.H., Nor-Mont Silver Stripes, Mrs. M. Hoag. Best For. S.H.—Red Tabby Manx m., Ch. Floridanus Tangelo, Mrs. Maude Barney. Best Dom. S.H.—Sil. Tab. f., Ch. H.R.H. Mystical of Cobourg, Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Neuter—Red Tabby S.H., Captain Bly, Master Thomas Olsen II. Best Spay—Br. Tabby, Ch. Fairy Queen of Sunny-Land, Miss Schick. Judge—Mrs. G. D. Carroll.

SAN DIEGO CAT FANCIERS' INC., Seventh Annual Championship CFA Show at San Diego, Calif., January 9-10, 1954. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Barque Lee's Creme de le Creme, Cn. m., Mrs. Phyllis Whitney. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Lanny Lea's Favorite, BC, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Best Nov.—Bart's Intermzzo, Smk f., Dr. and Mrs. Jack M. Bart; OS—Sea Change Avitus, BP m., Mrs. Hyland Hayes. Best Kit—Cresthaven Sunrise of Azulita, Blue f., Mrs. Walker Johnston; OS—Casanova's Sun of Blue Seal, SP m., Mrs. M. E. Farmer. Best SH, Best Siam.—Hollywood Cognac of Sea Change, SP f., Mrs. Hyland Hayes; OS—Sun Dial's Native Dancer, SP m., Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dial. Best DSH—Ch. Billie's Patina, Smk f., Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr.; OS—Tiger Tag of Fiddler's Green, Sil. Thy m., Jack and Althea Wedel. Best Aby—Beaver's Ramphis Zarana, f., Mrs. H. T. Beaver; OS—Ta-Lee-Ho Topper of Blue Seal, Mr. M. T. Farmer. Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Dana, f., Mrs. Blanche Warren; OS—Casa Gatos Brownee, m., Mrs. Warren. Best Manx—Ch. Storm Cloud of Ontario, Blue m., Mrs. Virginia Lee Sween; OS—Connie de Gallus, Blk f., Mrs. Evelyn Clark. Best RB—Ch. Lamar's Karen, f., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones; OS—Casa Gatos Tsar, Mrs. Warren. Best Neuter—Casa Contenta Don Topaz of Casa Cielo, Blue LH, Mrs. Joan W. Arnold; Best Spay—Cresthaven Coquette, Black LH, Mrs. Walker Johnston. Judge—Mrs. Helen Fairchild. **CALIFORNIA SOLID COLOR FANCIERS' SPECIALTY SHOW:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Barque Lee's Creme de le Creme, Cr. m., Mrs. Phyllis Whitney. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. June Rose Bear of Dunesk (Imp.), Blue f., Mrs. T. R. James. Best Nov.—Goforth's Gorgeous George, Cr. m., Betty Jean Holden; OS—none. Best Kit—Petite Blue Bear of Mayo, Blue f., Margaret Sonnemans; OS—Azulita Playmate, Blue m., Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Boardman. Best Neuter—Casa Contenta Don Topaz of Casa Cielo, Blue LH, Mrs. Joan W. Arnold; Best Spay—Cresthaven Coquette, Blk LH, Mrs. Walker Johnston. Judge—Mrs. Edith Schulte. **SHORT HAIR SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Best Manx—Ch. Storm Cloud of Ontario, Blue m., Mrs. Virginia Lee Sween. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Best Aby—Ch. Ambigi, f., Miss Alice Archibald. Best Nov.—Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Dana, f., Mrs. Blanche Warren. Best OS Nov.—Senza Coda's Silver Paws, Sil. Thy Mx., Mrs. Sween and Mrs. Clark. Best Kit—Wong Hou, BP f., Mrs. May Wear; OS—Derrig's Zam Zam, Aby f., Florence Derrig. Best Neuter—

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Sigh Me Sum Wun, SP, Mrs. R. J. Marks; Best Spay, Delphi Pokitu, SP, Mrs. Rosemary Otis. Best Siamese—High Barace Huchaco of Lamar, BP m., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones; OS—Ch. Lamar's Chinkee Lou, SP f., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Jones. Best OS Aby—Ch. Popeye the Sailor, m., Miss Archibald. Best OS Burmese—Casa Gatos Brax-Nee, m., Mrs. Warren. Best RB—Ch. Lamar's Karen, Jones. Judge—Mrs. Edith Schulte.

CALIFORNIA CAT CLUB Nineteenth Annual CFA Championship Cat Show, at Hollywood, California, Jan. 23-24, 1954. ALL BREED: Best Cat—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Chin. m., Mrs. Helen Van Zele. Best OS Cat, and Best OS Ch.—Ch. June Rose Bear of Dunesk Imp., Blur f., Mrs. T. R. James. Best Ch.—Ch. Charmante of Purrr New Sh. f., Mrs. Robert Hare. Best Nov.—Barbe Bluee Donna Isobel, Blue f., Mrs. Frances L. Campbell; OS—Chimney Sweep, Clk m., Miss Virginia Chambers. Best Kit—Greenborough's Sunshine, Chin m., Mrs. Robert Hare; OS—Beaver's Diva Tu EE, SP f., Mrs. H. T. Beaver. Best SH, Best Siam.—Ch. HRH Princess Always, SP f., Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best OS SH, Best DSH—Ch. Jesse's Ambar, Smk m., Mrs. Helen Jesse. Best Manx—Ch. Mei-Li's Mrs. Minus, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Virginia Sween; OS—Goforth's Feisty No End, Blk f., Mrs. J. Goforth. Best Aby—Beaver's Ramphis Zarana, Aby f., Mrs. H. T. Beaver. OS—Beaver's Zumar, m., Mrs. Beaver. Best Burmese—Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f., Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best RB—Ch. Hoeller's Manya, f., Kathleen and Paul Hoeller. Best OS DSH—Josephine of Far Cry, BC, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gillies. Best Neuter—Casa Contenta Don Topaz, Blue, Joan Arnold; Best Spay—Mitzi 2nd of Beverly Serrano, Chin LH, Mrs. Mabel Fischer. Judge—Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. **CALIFORNIA SILVER FANCIERS SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Skyland Arcturus, Chin m., Mrs. Gladys E. Weirich. Best OS Cat—Hilldale Valgerta of Juyné, Chin. f., Mrs. Juyné T. Rich. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Skyland Diana, Chin f., Mrs. Weirich. Best Nov.—Skyland Nimbus II, Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Winton; OS—Beverly Serrano Lynn Gai, Chin f., V. Osburn Peterson. Best Kit—Silver Mesa Pixyanax, Sh. Sil. Mrs. Harold E. Webb; OS—Greenbough's Sunshine, Chin m., Mrs. R. Hare. Best Spay—Mitzi 2nd of Beverly Serrano, Chin, Mrs. Mabel Fischer. Best SH, Best DSH—Ch. Jesse's Ambar, Smk m., Mrs. Helen Jesse. Best FSH, Best Manx—Senza Coda's Maxine, Sil. m., Mrs. Virginia Lee Sween. Judge—Mrs. James R. Mood. **SHORT HAIR SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Siamese—Palos Verdes Daystar, SP f., Capt. and Mrs. B. K. Culver. Best OS Cat, Best OS Siamese—Phytack, Mr. Big, SP m., Mrs. Ethel Maule. Best Ch.—Julie's Bandit of Jadawh of Boren, BP m., Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren; OS—Beaver's Ramphis Zarana, Aby f., Mrs. H. T. Beaver. Best Nov.—Hollywood Mainstay of Cari, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. James M. Riggi; OS—Lady Iris, SP f., Mrs. E. M. Straight. Best Kit—Beaver's Diva Tu EE, SP f., Mrs. H. T. Beaver; OS—Casanova's Son of Blue Seal, SP m., Mrs. M. T. Farmer. Best RB—Hoeller's Kalyon, m., Kathleen and Paul Hoeller; OS—Hoeller's Lt. Kije, f., Mr. and Mrs. Hoeller. Best Burmese—Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f., Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best Aby—Ta-Lee-Ho's See Quin, f., Mrs. Elsie L. Quinn; OS—Ta-Lee-Ho's Topper of Blue Seal, m., Mr. M. E. Farmer. Best DSH—Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OE Wh f., Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Graham; OS—Lamar's Tabithan, Brn Thy m., Mrs. Ralph McDonald. Best Neuter—Little Black Siambo, SP, Miss Iris Trebac; Best Spay—Mrs. Alexander's Fa-Ying of Far Cry, Burmese, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gillies. Judge—Mr. Roy Easterly.

EMPIRE CAT CLUB Thirty-Seventh Annual Championship CFA Show, at New York, N. Y., Feb. 4-5, 1954. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Chi-Charon Padra, SP f., Gladie M. German; OS—Craig's Taffy Apple of Longhill, Cr. m., Mr. Anthony DeSantis. Best Nov.—Nigrette Azure of Nor-Mont, Blue f., Mrs. M. E. Hoag; OS—Vassar's Ptaine, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Van Riner. Best Kit—Nigrette Shahnaz of Shiraz, Blue f., Ethel S. Glassman; OS—Bonnie Brae Robin, SP m., Lydia M. Scott. Best OS FSH—Ch. Sayam Simba of Blue Grass (Imp), SP m., Mrs. Lucas B. Combs. Best DSH—Rockridge White Challenger, BE Wh m., Mrs. William E. Cottle; OS—Naomi's Fire-Eyes, Bwn Thy f., Mrs. Minnie M. Minnabach; OS—Mar-Max's Mr. Beau of the Church, Blue m., Pearl Dee Church; OS—Mayden, Blk f., Mrs. Wallace R. Ham. Best Neuter—Grenadier Bankok, SP, Mrs. Louise Knowlton; Spay—Taffy, Cr. LH, Mrs. Shirley Grabovitz. Judge—Mrs. Lester O'Neill. **NATIONAL SIAMESE CAT CLUB SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Coventry's Bambey-Ling of Vanar, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Van Riper; OS—(and Reserve B.C.) Ch. Chi-Charon Padra, SP f., Gladie M. German. Best Nov.—(and Reserve BC) OS—Wu Ble Silthete, BP m., Mrs. Lillian King; OS—Sesau of Ebon Mask, SP m., Mrs. Alex Finney. Best Kit—Maya Matador, SP m., Mrs. Alice Buchanan; OS—Sea Puss Sparkel, SP f., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. I. Thompson. Judge—Mrs. Ralph Mabie. **SOLID COLOR CLUB OF THE EAST:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Craig's Taffy Apple of Longhill, Cr. m., Mr. Anthony DeSantis. Best OS Cat, Best Novice—Nigrette Azure of Nor-Mont, Blue f., Mrs. M. Hoag. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Dresden Sal II of Bagdad, Odd-Eyed Wh f., Mr. Anthony DeSantis. Best OS Nov.—Ru-Ling Rascal of Bagdad, Blue m., Mrs. Anita McDonald. Best Spay—Taffy, Cr. Mrs. Shirley Grabovitz. Judge—Mrs. Mabie. **SHORT HAIR SOCIETY OF THE EAST (Except Siamese) SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Benmost Bore Sheila, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Frank Freudenthal; OS—Rockridge White Challenger, BE Wh m., Mrs. William E. Cottle. Best Ch.—Ch. Eilan Vannin's Tortice, Tortie Mx., Mrs. Betty O. Youngman; OS—Ginger, Rd Thy m., Mrs. Walther Scherrer. Best Nov.—Honey Boy of Rockville, OE Wh m., Mr. and Mrs. John Donahae; OS—Naomi's Fire-Eyes, Bwn Thy f., Miss Naomi Minnabach. Best Kit—Cherubino's June, BE Wh f., Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Bode; OS—Casa Gatos Myree, Burmese m., Mrs. Dorothy V. Roark. Best Neuter—Su-Ryan Shah of Burma, Burmese, Mrs. Maxine B. Ryan; Spay—Sweet Meadow's Melody, Black DSH, Mrs. Helen LaBine. Judge—Mrs. Mabie.

SUNSHINE CITY CAT CLUB OF FLORIDA, Inc., First Annual Championship ACA Show, at St. Petersburg, Florida, February 6-7, 1954. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Imm. Ch. Moonbeam of Gayland's, Blue m., Miss Verner Clum. Best OS Cat—Gayland's Princess, Blue f., Miss Verner Clum. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Nee-Ang, SP f., Mrs. Richard O'Donovan. Best Nov.—Silver Moth's Jeloo of Tropic Isle, GE Wh m., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rathburn; OS—Gaylands Stardust, Blue f., Miss Clum. Best Kit—Moonraker of Gaylands, Blue m., Miss Verner Clum; OS—Gaylands Astrea, Blue f., Miss Clum. Best FSH, Best Siamese—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Nee-Ang, SP f., Mrs. O'Donovan; OS—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Zombie, SP m., Mrs. O'Donovan. Best Aby—Ch. Chirn Sa-Hai Ricki, Aby m., Mrs. O'Donovan; OS—Mao Qui VIVE of Chirn Sa-Hai, f., Mrs. O'Donovan. Best Burmese—Dobyns Boki-Ty, f., Mrs.

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DETROIT PERSIAN SOCIETY, Inc., Thirty-Second CFA Championship Show at Detroit, Michigan, Feb. 13-14, 1954. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Favors Maxim of Beverly-Serrano, Chin m., Naoumi Favors; OS—Ch. Ammon Ra's Taisho, SP f., Lillian Magner. Best Nov.—Rosemont Golden Boy, Cr. m., Mrs. Frances Kosierowski; OS—Castleton's Queen Bess, Blk f., Mrs. Robert Horn. Best Kit—Nestledown's Estrellita, Cr. f., Mrs. Walter Meyer; OS—D'Or Timalu, Blue m., Mildred Quick and Elizabeth Roberts. Best FSH, Best Siamese—Ch. Ammon Ra's Taisho, SP, Lillian Magner; OS—Ch. Dalai Jakki, SP m., Virginia Daly. Best DSH—Springbrook's Huarmi, Chin f., Mrs. C. F. Kunkler. Best Manx—Heather van Nassau, Blue f., Mrs. S. J. Dammling. Best Aby—Ch. Selene's Sunbeam of Ammon Ra, f., Lillian Magner; OS—Ammon Ra Atom, m., Miss Magner. Best Burmese—Gerstale's Sadruddin Kahn, m., Mrs. Donald Warner; OS—Su-Ryan Ma Hone Lin of Dalai, f., Virginia Daly. Best Neuter—Halley's Comet, Red Tby., Mrs. George Eldred; Spay, Devonshire's Poudre Bleu, Blue LH, Mrs. G. LaMarsh. Judge—Mrs. John Hunter. **WINDSOR SOLID COLOR CLUB SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Twinkling Star of Evergreen, BE Wh m., Mrs. Earl Fleming; OS—Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Cherie of Rosemont, Cr. f., Frances Kosierowski. Best Nov.—Rosemont Golden Boy, Cr. m., Mrs. Kosierowski; OS—Castleton's Queen Bess—Blk f., Mrs. Robert Horn. Best Kit—Nestledown's Estrellita, Cr. f., Mrs. Walter Meyer; OS—Greeba Black Knight, Blk Mx m., Mrs. Everett Schaus. Best Neuter—Sulton of Detroit, OE Wh, Mrs. Boitos; Spay, Devonshire's Poudre Blu, Mrs. G. LaMarsh. Judge—Mrs. Carl Johnson.

ALAMO CITY CAT CLUB, INC., Third CFA Championship cat show at San Antonio, Texas, February 20-21, 1954. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Windbank's Dear David of Dunesk, Imp., Blue m., Mrs. F. L. Tebbetts; OS—Ch. Flagstone's Play Girl, Sh. Sil. f., Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. Best Nov.—Windbank Praline, OE Wh f., Mrs. H. C. Garrison; OS—Chirn Sa-hai Indigon, BP m., Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. Best Kit—Texas Prince Cotton, OE Wh m., Mrs. Walter A. Nelson; OS—Flagstone's Miss Piste, BC, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. Best DSH—Lavenor Liz of Ramayan, Sil. Tby f., Mrs. J. B. Elliott; OS—Gryffn, Sil. Tby m., Mrs. C. A. Wellington. Best Short Hair and Best Aby.—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, Aby m., Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. Best OS SH and Best Siamese—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Nee-ang, SP f., Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. Best OS Siam—Ch. Mission City Won-San, SP m., Mrs. Joseph Marshall.

MANX

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leaks, hollow chests, fused spines, inverted hind quarters, all of the terrible things we are accustomed to think of as concerned with inbreeding, yet there were no common ancestors. And both parents had been proved with long tailed Manx prior to this mating.

Too many rumpies in a pedigree will give you weak kittens, a higher percentage of dead kittens, failure to carry kittens to term, susceptibility to constipation, incontinence of the bladder or of the lower bowel. According to show standards a Manx cannot have too short a spine, genetically that is tragically untrue. There are nerves that are supposed to issue from between each pair of vertebrae, they are lacking if that part of the spine is missing, this can lead to incontinence of the bladder or bowel. The

lack of protection to the end of the spinal column (often a bubble or leak when born) leads to all the diseases of the central nervous system. The lack of protection to the end of the digestive tract facilitates injury, leaves it weak with the proper place of attachment for the muscles. The fragile connection of the pelvis to the shortened spinal column makes it difficult if not impossible for a queen to carry kittens, and may make delivery difficult if nothing else. All of this is why the Isle of Man Manx Cat Association urges breeders to keep a rumpy male and an indeterminate number of stumpy and long tailed cats in the yard. Yes, on the Island a queen is allowed to select her own mate. After all they are all Manx. Here in the United States we keep our Manx up, and they are bred to selected mates. Those breeders who have been getting a high percentage of dead or deformed litters, or

who have a queen that doesn't seem to conceive might do worse than use a long tailed Manx. *Not a domestic short hair.* Stick to the Manx. It will be hard, after searching for pedigrees with lots of champions on, as a sign of taillessness, to now search in hopes of locating a long tail. But even a stumpy will help. Don't be misled by the Ch. in front of a name, there are a lot of stumps that are champions, trust no one's fingers but your own.

We have come a long way since we thought that a Manx was a cross between a cat and a rabbit. But we still have a long way to go. We want to learn how to control the lethal factor, so we always get show type kittens, and none dead, deformed or long tailed. I have one queen whose first six litters had only show type kittens in them. But I don't know why. Do you? (No, she is not for sale.)



Best Manx—Ch. Tyoh Tabu, Bwn Tby f., Jan Gartman; OS—Veg Veen (Imp), Rd Tby m., Mrs. J. D. Elliott. Best Burmese—Chocolate Monday Lion of Re-Ru, m., Russell Middleton. Best Neuter—Keiki Papoki, Black, Mrs. Gordon Stuart; Spay—Silver Mist, Chin, Miss Peggie Harrison. Judge—Mrs. J. H. Revington. **SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Silver Moth Igloo of Tropic Isle, OE Wh m., Mrs. Harold Rathbun; OS—(and Best Ch.)—Ch. Longhill's White Jewell, BE Wh f., Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. Best OS Cat—Ch. Silver Moth Prince Necho, Cr. m., Mrs. Harold Rathbun. Best Nov.—Evergreen's Liebkin, Blue f., Mrs. Joseph Marshall; OS—Dixon's Boston Blackie, Blue m., Mrs. E. N. Dixon. Best Kit—Flagstone's Miss Impy, Cr. f., Mrs. Howell J. Mueller; OS—Texas Snowflake, OE Wh m., Mrs. Walter A. Nelson. Judge—Mrs. C. C. Strange. **SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Medicine Lake Wee Sal, SP f., Mrs. Adolph F. Olson; OS—Ch. Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, Aby m., Mrs. Richard L. O'Donovan. Best Novice—Chirn Sa-hai Indigon, BP m., Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan; OS—Dhu Lleo Nonnezoshe, Tortie Mx., Mrs. S. L. Lovett. Best Kit—Wah-Lee Chang, SP m., Mrs. M. Porter Wall; OS—Niello's Wam-Lana, SP f., Mrs. Mildred Foster. Judge—Mrs. Strange.

The Back Fence . . .

Cats have been cutting capers for longer than we had supposed on the American continent, according to recent discoveries in Texas. Prehistoric fish skeletons were found in the course of drilling a new oil well, then, later, in a cave northwest of San Antonio, cats and kittens 10,000 years old were discovered by Dr. E. H. Sellers, of the Texas Memorial Museum. The cave entrance apparently collapsed during the Ice Age, trapping the animals inside. A big skeleton found is the first complete one of the great cat, *Dinobastis*, which roamed the southern United States thousands of years ago. As large as the largest African lion, it was six to seven feet long, stood nearly four feet high, had a curved tooth four inches long, and was able to whip any other great mammoths or elephants.

Sometimes we wish cats like that were still around. Aside from satisfying our curiosity, they might be useful in silencing those people who sound off periodically against cats. No, we wouldn't like to see such people devoured alive, but we can't help but feel one or two *Dinobastis* at the door might cause these folk to treat cats in general with just a bit more respect. We feel particularly irked this month with a dog-lover who hates cats and in an editorial in the *Hackensack, N. J. Record* is currently in a dither because cats so far are not required to have licenses. "Why," he asks, "should cats, which have nothing to recommend them, continue exempt while dogs, which at least have some definable attributes, continue to be

taxed?" We were still in a fog from this vague double-talk, (sorry, Mr. Editor) when one week later, in the same paper, comes another cropper. Reporting that River Edge, N. J. officials have decided to consult the Borough Attorney on the possibility of enacting an ordinance to curb cats, the paper adds: "Many River Edge residents have moved here because of the suburban atmosphere. They do not condone cats, which are the No. 1 enemy of song and insectivorous birds. Cats even cause accidents when drivers swerve to avoid them as they cross the road. River Edge would be putting itself into the ranks of the most enlightened municipality in the nation by acting to eliminate stray and unwanted cats. The animals have absolutely nothing to recommend them."

Well, we have our own ideas as to how communities become enlightened, and we must say this particular angle has never occurred to us before. It could be we lack vision. We do feel, though, whoever wrote these editorials should have checked a little better on his facts, for if he had, he would have discovered the cat is far, far down the list, far from being the No. 1 enemy of birds; we do feel also, if he must investigate automobile accidents caused by cars swerving to avoid cats (a very small percentage of car accidents, we think, after watching what humans do all by themselves behind the wheel), he would have found at least as many, if not more, caused by dogs, either crossing roads, or running, barking, after autos, as many caused by bunnies, squirrels, skunks, etc., and not a few by birds themselves, which have been known to fly against windshields of both cars and planes. Why pick against the cat?

Cats seem to be immune to that curious human affliction, spring fever. In New York, with Spring now underway, Willow, pet cat of the 48th Street Theater, got caught under a revolving stage and stopped the performance of "His and Hers" for fifteen minutes. A week later, Willow paraded across the stage during a love scene. We glimpsed a picture of Willow, grey-striped and white, fat and gorgeous, with Celeste Holm, star of the show, blond and gorgeous, in a New York paper which said despite his misdemeanors, Miss Holm is as determined as the rest of the cast to see that Willow continues to make the theater his home. In Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, another fellow who maintained residence in a drug store, set fire to the store, firemen said, by sharpening his claws on a box of matches. No one was injured, and we hope this manicurist's binge was eventually forgiven by the cat's owner.

Wilmer L. White, of Salinas, Calif., a troubleman for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, received \$25 from an anonymous donor who had read in the Company's paper, how White rescued a cat from a high-tension line during a storm and returned it to its youthful mistress.

Other bright news, from the not-so-far West this time, was the appearance in both the Cincinnati, Ohio, *Enquirer* and the Toledo, Ohio, *Blade* of fine articles, illustrated, commenting on the very recent upsurge in popularity of the feline.

The Toledo *Blade*'s article was an interesting essay on the character of the cat, along with a brief history of its relationships with humans down through the ages. In conclusion, it said of our dear felines—"they seem only to want to be taken for what they are—cats. All of which seems to be reasonable enough."

The *Enquirer* said the American Can Company believes cat outnumber dogs, by 26.7 million, to 22.6 million, although the American Feline Society claims dogs still outrank cats, by 24 million to 21 million. At any rate, the *Enquirer* quoted a well-known Cincinnati veterinarian as saying that his cat practice "and the cat practice of every other veterinarian in town" had increased more than 100 per cent since World War II. Mrs. J. Sterrett Caldwell, prominent Cincinnati Siamese breeder, feels one reason for the upswing of cats' stock is the fact that men have discovered them. "More and more men are becoming interested in cats each year," she said. "Not only are men taking to them as pets but they are becoming active in the breeding and raising of them. The day is past when the cat can be looked upon only as an old woman's pet."—A.M.

An Editorial on Cat Shows from the Toledo (Ohio) Times

NOT JUST CATS

Something is happening in the cat world, and if the trend indicated at the Empire Cat Club's annual championship show in New York City develops there is a strong likelihood that cat shows of the future will be livelier affairs than they are now.

It would be dangerous to assert that cat shows are not already intensely interesting. They are, to cat fanciers and lovers, who are probably just as numerous as dog admirers and even more articulate. What is meant here is that the cat show of the future will attract a large and presumably profitable attendance of those people who can take cats or let them alone.

This should not be unwelcome to cat displays. It certainly wasn't to the officials of the Empire Cat Club or they never would have liberalized the rules to permit the exhibition of a wildcat from the jungles of Brazil. It is true that this creature, a spotted cat resembling an ocelot and called a margay, was mild-mannered and willing to be sociable; that its overtures were repulsed by other and allegedly domesticated cats with no evidence of fear, and, lastly, that it was only a guest star and not a legitimate entry at the show.

It is obvious that if guest stars are to be a part of the program at future shows, interest will be heightened and attendance increased, if only because of a sneaking hope on the part of some potential viewers that unscheduled thrills will be provided. For uncertainty is probably just as much a spice of life as variety.

Since precautions may well be taken to prevent physical encounters between guest stars and regular performers, there is probably an even greater opportunity for growth in a second policy of the club. Organizers of the show are encouraging the appearance of the common domestic short-haired cat, vulgarly denominated an alley cat. Whether this constitutes a commendable inclination to democratize shows or just means that the supply of aristocratic types is dwindling is not clear.

But, whatever the reason, it is likely to please a numerous and powerful group—fanciers who have long been convinced that alley cats are the cream of the crop and deserve special consideration at exhibitions instead of only toleration. The move is also calculated to interest the people intrigued by the idea of guest stars. They, in their innocence, believe the difference between jungle and alley cats may be only theoretical.

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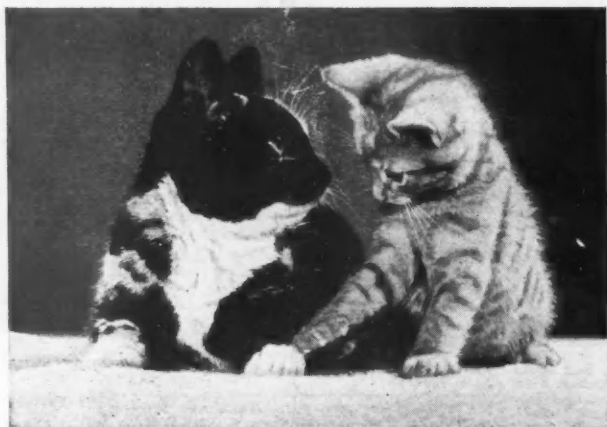
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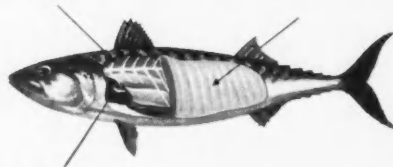
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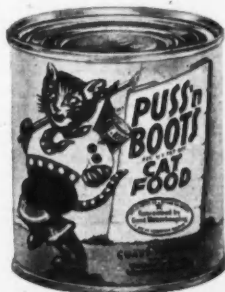
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